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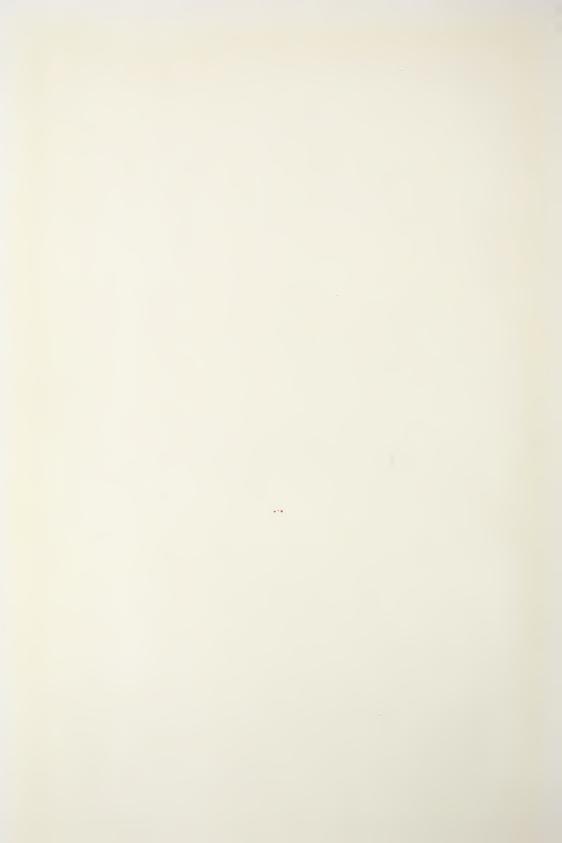
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to

MISS KATHARINE ARNOLD NETTLETON

State Regent of Connecticut

in appreciation of her earnest and efficient work

in maintaining the high standard attained

by her predecessors and in establishing

in her own right the name of

serving her state with honor

and distinction.

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THE STATE FLAG

MINNE WARNER BAILEY CHAPTER of Groton submitted several designs to the General Assembly for a legal state flag. The one approved was of blue bunting, the design a shield of white, bordered in silver and gold with the old Colonial seal of three clinging grape vines, said to be symbolic of religion, liberty and knowledge. Beneath the shield, bordered with gold, is the state motto, "Qui Transtulit Sustinet." who hath transplanted will sustain.") This design became the official state flag and on August 12, 1897, was presented by the Chapter to Governor L. A. Cooke at the state capitol in Hartford, flown from the staff on the capitol dome and saluted by the firing of thirteen guns.

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity, for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

CONNECTICUT STATE SONG

THE STATE WE HONOR AIR—Red, White and Blue

All hail to the State that we honor
And claim as the place of our birth,
The glory and pride of our nation,
The spot that is brightest on earth.
Unstained by the sword of the tyrant,
Its colors triumphantly wave:
Our Connecticut State, heaven bless it,
The home of the loyal and brave.

CHORUS:

The home of the loyal and brave, The home of the loyal and brave, Our Connecticut State, heaven bless it, The home of the loyal and brave.

A song for the State that we honor,
A song for the wide-spreading tree,
That grew by our own native river,
Nor dreamed what its future might be.
But in years when a haughty oppressor,
Demanded the CHARTER he gave;
That CHARTER concealed in the darkness
Was hid in the OAK by the brave.

A voice from the State that we honor,
An echo from valley and plain:
It bids us remember the watchword
That he who transplants will sustain.
'Twas the God of the faithful transplanted
Our sires from oppression's dark wave,
He sustained and He now is sustaining
Our home of the loyal and brave.

Then hurrah for the State that we honor,
Hurrah for our dear native land:
Of America's grand revolution
The daughters united we stand.
Not a link from our bond shall be severed
While freedom our standard shall wave,
Our Connecticut State, heaven bless it,
Three cheers for the loyal and brave.

September 2, 1908. FANNY J. CROSBY.

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SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE ORGANIZING AND FIRST YEARS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

HE immediate cause of the organization of the D. A. R. was the adverse vote cast in Louisville, Kentucky, April 30, 1890, by the Sons of the American Revolution on the question of admitting women to membership in their society.

On July 13, 1890, Mrs. Mary Lockwood aroused by the action of the Sons, wrote a stirring article for the "Washington Post," entitled "Women Worthy of Honor," repeating the thrilling history of Hannah Arnett, the Revolutionary heroine.

Mr. William O. McDowell, a great great grandson of Hannah Arnett replied in a letter to the "Washington Post" offering his services in organizing a society for women concluding with a formal "Call for the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution." Five Washington women each unknown to the others responded to this call.

They were: Miss Eugenia Washington, Miss Mary Desha, Mrs. Hannah McL. Wolff, Mrs. Louise Knowlton Brown and Mrs. Mary Morris Hallowell

Mr. McDowell suggested to Miss Desha that a meeting be called at once of these five women for preliminary organization, election of officers, etc. By invitation of Mrs. Louise Knowlton Brown the first meeting was held at her residence during the last week of July, 1890. As the attendance was small it was concluded to defer formal action until autumn. Another meeting was held due to Mr. McDowell's insistence August 9, 1890, in Mrs. Walworth's apartments at the Langsham, Washington, D. C. At this second meeting only three were present, Miss Washington, Miss Desha and Mrs. Walworth, and they proceeded with the preliminary organization. The first step taken was to declare the basis of the society to be a national one, and the name of Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, wife of President Harrison, was proposed for president general. In August application papers were sent to her with the request that she accept that office.

A constitution sent by Mr. McDowell was revised and adopted and a board of management appointed as follows: Mrs. Mary Orr Earle, Mrs. Hannah McL. Wolff, Mrs. Flora Adams Darling, Mrs. Louise Knowlton Brown, Miss Sophonisba P. Breckinridge, Miss Virginia Grigsby and Miss Mary Desha. Mrs. Walworth was chosen secretary and Miss Washington, registrar. They began active work at once. Letters were written to representative women of different sections of the country inviting them to join the society.

On Saturday, October 11, 1890, at the StrathmoreArms, a full organization was effected; eighteen women signed the formal draft of organization.

At the next meeting, October 18, 1890, Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood offered a resolution that effort should be made to secure a fireproof building in which to deposit revolutionary relics and historical papers. Mrs. Mary McDonald offered a resolution that all charter fees and life membership dues be set aside for this purpose. Both resolutions carried and to these two women belong the honor of the first suggestion of Continental Hall and the practical means for securing it.

On account of the rapid expansion of the society, the office of State Regent was created, April, 1891, and the first five states to have regents appointed were Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut and Virginia.

Mrs. DeB. R. Keim, a native of Hartford and resident of Washington, received the appointment as first state regent.

The first design of the spinning wheel was suggested to the insignia committee by Dr. Goode, and accepted by the society May 6, 1891.

In October, 1891, a conference of state and chapter regents with national officers representing the 1,000 members was held at the residence of Mrs. William D. Cabell. Mrs. Benjamin Harrison presided. The first White House reception for the society was held the following day.

The first continental congress was held in the Church of Our Father, February 22, 1892.

The illness of Mrs. Harrison threw a shadow over all, the summer and early autumn of 1892, followed by her death in October.

Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, wife of the Vice-President of the United States, was elected president general in the congress in 1893. During Mrs. Stevenson's term a beautiful portrait of Mrs. Harrison, painted by Daniel Huntington, was presented by the society and placed in the White House.

Mrs. John W. Foster was third president general followed by Mrs. Daniel Manning.

Two important historic events took place in Paris, 1900, at the great Exposition, at which Mrs. Manning was guest of honor by appointment from President McKinley at the unveiling of the statue of General Washington, given by the women of America, July 3; and the dedi-

cation of the General Lafayette monument, the gift of the children of the United States, July 4. Mrs. Manning was accorded a medal of Chevalier of the "Legion of Honor" and presented by the President of the French Republic.

Mrs. Charles Warren Fairbanks, the fifth president general, was the wife of the brilliant statesman from Indiana, later to be Vice-President of the United States. During Mrs. Fairbanks' term the cornerstone of Memorial Continental Hall was laid and the dedicatory ceremonies came as a climax at the close of her administration.

The election of Mrs. Daniel McLean, the sixth President General, marked a line of departure from official position of former candidates to one of pure personality. Mrs. McLean was the first president general to take office in the new auditorium of the society's own building, Memorial Continental Hall, April 20, 1905.

(From N. S. D. A. R. Reports)



MRS. ALFRED J. BROSSEAU Greenwich President General 1926-1929

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Treasurer General 1923-1926
National Chairman of Ellis Committee 1921-1926
National Chairman of Transportation Committee 1921-1923
State Secretary of Michigan 1915-1917
National number 8,730

RACE LINCOLN HALL BROSSEAU was born in Eledo Illinois, and married Alfred J. Brosseau in 1899 at Moline, Illinois.

The name oftenest used in depicting recent gains in the technique of organization pertaining to the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution is the name—Grace Lincoln Hall Brosseau, President General. Her early kinship to the Daughters of the American Revolution is proven by the fact that her national number is 8,730.

There is absorption in following her connection with societies which proclaim the law of helpfulness to the Nation. She sprang from noble inheritance which enables her to hold membership in patriotic societies such as Barons of Runnymede; Colonial Dames; Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century; Daughters of the Colonial Wars; Daughters of Founders and Patriots; Mary Washington Memorial Association; National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; National Society, Daughters of 1812; National Society, Patriotic Women of America; Order of the Crown.

This provides ground for thorough understanding of patriotic endeavor and motive for ardent service to Country.

One may be quite sure the President Generalship is not the first

position of honor she has occupied.

In girlhood Mrs. Brosseau's first D. A. R. Chapter was the Mary Little Deere of Moline, Illinois. In 1906 she organized the Hannah Tracy Grant Chapter of Albion, Michigan, and was its Regent for several years. Later she was transferred to the Putnam Hill Chapter of Greenwich, Connecticut, where she makes her present home. A prominent author gives a glimpse of Mrs. Brosseau's home, "We motored through shining streets, bordered by crisp lawns shaded with wide-spreading trees, lawns which formed the frames for pictures made by one lovely house after another—the kind of house which is neither a cottage nor a palace, but the prosperous, pleasant, medium-sized home of the American suburb, which is so nationally characteristic; and finally rounding a curve and mounting a slight incline, we came to the one which seemed to me pleasantest and most characteristic of all."

"It stood, substantial and square and gray, at the top of a little hill, and facing Long Island Sound, every one of its rooms, as I was afterwards to learn, having some varied and lovely view of the water.

"The green expanse of the clipped lawns was broken here and there by rockeries and flower-beds; the wide verandas were banked with shrubs and ferns; pansies bloomed under the porte-cochere, and lilacs formed a screen for the clothes-yard in the rear. Beyond the driveway leading to the house and garage, a rectangular garden, enclosed with a privet hedge, glowed like a flag."

"It was a small garden, as gardens are judged nowadays, but it was one which seemed singularly perfect and complete; with rose trellis and stone bird bath, ordered paths and rotative planting. Brosseau, breaking off bright multi-colored tulips until she had gathered an armful to give me, paused to look about her with pardonable pride.

"'When we bought this house', she said, 'there wasn't a shrub on the place, hardly any vegetation at all. You'd never believe the difference it has made! Nearly all the ferns I've planted myself-they've been given me in different parts of the country during the course of my official visits to local Chapters, and I've managed to bring them home

and make them grow'."

A visitor at Memorial Continental Hall, the National Headquarters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will discover an enchanting Friendship Garden planted in honor of the President General, Mrs. Alfred J. Brosseau. This idea originated with the members of her National Board of Management. In speaking of the Board Meetings Mrs. Brosseau has said, "Truthfully I can say that every moment was a delight and that in each instance a reluctant gavel announced

adjournment."

The loveliness of spirit of Mrs. Brosseau's association with the membership of the D. A. R. lives on in the Friendship Garden. dignity of her service to the Nation is expressed in the purple iris, her tender thoughtfulness of others blooms in the forget-me-nots from Alaska. Her wholesome attitude toward life is reflected in the spring time freshness of tulips, narcissi, jonquils and daffodils. of her emphatic devotion to duty finds its exemplification in the hardiness of the Chrysanthemum. Her genuine humility, modesty, sweetness and good cheer are symbolically registered in violets, snow-drops, lilies of the valley and hyacinths. In fact, plants from Alaska to Florida, from Maine to California have been transplanted in her honor to enhance the beauty of the well-kept grounds at Washington.

The North Carolina D. A. R. News comments upon Mrs. Brosseau's leadership thus: "'This one thing I do', persistently and consistently Mrs. Alfred J. Brosseau, President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution exemplifies concentration in patriotic effort.

"Mrs. Brosseau says, 'This office takes every minute of my time and I have resigned from every directorate to which previously I

belonged.

"Every presiding officer of every administration in every society always specializes on some particular phase of work. Mrs. Brosseau is very original in her line of specialization. With unusual acumen her far-sighted vision has detected national needs."

Certain cardinal features have been in the foreground of procedure during Mrs. Brosseau's span of guidance. She illustrates leadership by quoting from a French statesman: "I must follow them because I

am their leader," and she added, "Well did he know the exhilaration that comes from the co-ordination of the mass mind and the great accomplishments of the cohesive body. Without that unity and without the sympathy that creates it and keeps it alive, nothing substantial or far-reaching can be accomplished by the individual who happens, for

the moment, to be 'top in command'."

Adequate national defense, immediate Americanization, necessity and power of the ballot, understanding of and reverence for the fundamentals of the United States Government, nice distinction between politics and legislation, revision of by-laws, codification and revision of statutes, chapter study of adopted resolutions, advocacy of more attention to the Bible, co-operation with the patriotic organizations, notably, participation with thirty-seven women's organizations in the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense, enlargement of the Magazine, encouragement of National Chairmen, visitation of Chapters in foreign countries, regular attendance at State Conferences in a nation-wide itinerary, completion of plans for the erection of Constitution Hall, vital support of the organizations protecting the young life of the Nation, enthusiastic endorsement of student loan fund, intimate acquaintance with and fostering of immigration work at Ellis and Angel Islands, promotion of original historic research, an earnest share in providing memorial monuments, advancement of patriotic lectures, radio broadcasting, continuation of interest in the preservation of historic spots, the passing of comprehensive resolutions enunciating the high principles of the Society—these eloquently testify to the eminently satisfactory and uniquely successful term of office of Mrs. Brosseau.

With superb courage Mrs. Brosseau has led the members of the D. A. R. in a valiant stand for national defense. In countless addresses not only to her own Society but to thousands affiliated with other organizations, she has emphasized adequate national defense. Similarly through the printed word and by the radio she has multiplied in intensity the volume of her pleas for defense. For example, she declares, "We, the Daughters of the American Revolution, do believe in adequate preparedness; we endorsed the Defense Act of 1920 and we still stand for it. * * * We stand for the dignity of our Union and for the protection of its institutions, and we crave for it a high place in the respect of the other nations of the world. * * * Therefore the time has come when every American citizen consciously

or unconsciously takes a stand, and in so doing commits himself to one or the other policy. Either he is for his Country defended and protected or he is for his Country, defenseless and unprotected."

Mrs. Brosseau is keenly alert to the dormant but potential citizenship of the new-comers to our shores. After several years of work among the immigrants on Ellis Island, she is signally equipped to direct the leaders of immigration affairs within the Society. For years definite work has been carried on in the interest of the immigrant but this work has been immeasurably quickened through the sympathetic understanding and practical experience which Mrs. Brosseau has brought to the immigration problems at hand.

Likewise a new impulse has been given women to look to the sacred trust of citizenship lately imparted to them. During Mrs. Brosseau's

years of direction every Chapter Regent has been charged with the obligation of making it a part of her official duty to see that her members register at the primaries and then vote on election day. Throughout the Nation Mrs. Brosseau has aroused the women to a stronger realization of their responsibilities. She has pointed out that, "If the wife and mother makes voting an important factor * * * she is bound to get some reflex action in the family circle. The chances are that the male members will be a bit more keen about taking advantage of their inherent rights if they find that the newer comer in the field sets a lavish price upon her privileges."

On every hand Mrs. Brosseau brings about deeper thoughtfulness for the fundamentals of our Constitutional form of Government. Unequivocally, she stands among the foremost women of the hour in upholding our present system of Government against the onslaught of radicalism which would inject strange theories of government in the minds and hearts of the people, particularly of the young. She has stressed the benefits of proper training and educational advantage. She has contributed 115,000 dollars toward education to Michigan University alone and other gifts of hers have ranked her as a generous donor to the advancement of protection of the young life of the Nation.

Her husband, Mr. Alfred J. Brosseau, well known for his prominence in business affairs, has presented to Memorial Continental Hall a handsome silver memorial reproduction of the Declaration of Independence in heroic size bearing at the top a sculptured view of the signing of this historic paper. He has contributed this in permanent

recognition of her fidelity to womanhood.

Constitution Hall will always remain a tribute to her administration for her exact knowledge of the financial and business problems of the National Society qualified her to aid in the raising of the enormous funds requisite to the erection of Constitution Hall. All along the way she inspired and encouraged the membership to do their utmost

in making Constitution Hall a vital possibility.

It is a time for impressive allusion to the founders and patriots of America. Indefatigably, Mrs. Brosseau has scattered the seeds of patriotism which will bring a rich harvest of reverence for the men and women who have brought our Nation into being. In this spirit of commemoration of noble deeds, twelve monuments have been erected upon the National Old Trails Road to signify to the world our profound regard for the pioneers.

Unquestionably, in time to come, Mrs. Brosseau's three years of generalship will be marked as the building era of the Society. Thoughts of home, of God and Country have been builded into the lives of the women of America quite as constructively as great blocks of rockwood stone are being placed, one upon the other in towering unified strength

to make the perfect edifice—Constitution Hall.

Another symbol "of the continuity of ideals inherited from the past, dwelling in the present and projecting themselves into the future," is the memorial to one of the great women leaders—Caroline Scott Harrison which is to be placed in Oxford, Ohio.

Plans are matured for a statue to be erected on the grounds of the D. A. R. at Washington in loving memory of the four women who were

responsible for the organization of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. This statue will be finished by April, 1929.

Thus Constitution Hall, the building at Oxford, Ohio, the monuments of the National Old Trails Road, the memorial statue to be placed in Washington in honor of the founders—all are great testimonials as Mrs. Brosseau expresses it, "To woman's love for womanly achievements."

Many other fruits of labor are evident in the actual tasks begun in other administrations and nurtured and brought to victorious termination in Mrs. Brosseau's regime.

Significant among outstanding accomplishments is the unifying of patriotic sentiment among women demonstrated in the annual assembling at Washington in Memorial Continental Hall of over thirty patriotic organizations coming together for conference and renewal of allegiance to the United States of America under the name of the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense. Mrs. Brosseau has taken a conspicuous part in shaping and directing this conference and in continuing contacts in the interval between annual meetings. She has acted as Chairman of the Continuation Committee and to her

the women appeal for counsel and courageous leadership.

In this conference as well as within the Daughters of the American Revolution Mrs. Brosseau is esteemed for her kindness to young people and her eagerness to enlist the energies, devotion, alertness and vision of such young people in patriotic endeavor. She realizes how necessary it is to capture and hold the interest of the youth of our land lest they be drawn away from association with those who are seeking to perpetuate the ideals of their forebears. Radicalism is inaugurating youth's crusades. To offset the results of such movements among the young, Mrs. Brosseau is constantly reiterating principles that find their source in eternal verities. Her time is filled with active duties, all pertaining to the well-being of her native land. At Headquarters it is openly stated she can operate the typewriter or perform the routine office duties at a rate unexcelled by any of the proficient workers in the building. She pays high tribute to the staff at Headquarters and is beloved for her co-operative mingling with them.

Near and afar, acclaim awaits her. She has fulfilled the usual requirements of her office and more. She has visited all states and has journeyed to other lands to meet with Chapters in Cuba, England and

France.

In her recently published book "The Landmarks of Liberty" she describes the privilege she enjoyed of being presented at the Court of St. James on the evening of May 9, 1928. She mentions that in such a ceremony one is not compelled "to make concessions with one's democratic spirit. The question is merely one of orientation and for a brief time becoming a part of and enjoying the highest social honor that one nation can bestow upon a guest from another country."

Judged by her faith and by her works Mrs. Brosseau daily elevates

the sense of true democracy within a Republic.



MRS. GEORGE MAYNARD MINOR Waterford Honorary President General

MRS. GEORGE MAYNARD MINOR

Waterford

President General 1920-1923 Vice-President General 1914-1919 State Vice Regent 1913-1914 Honorary President General National number 4,172

AKEN from a biographical sketch written by request for La Revue Moderne, Paris by Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel.

"Anne Rogers Minor (Mrs. George Maynard Minor) is a woman of New England birth and ancestry, and what is a rare circumstance in American life, she was born and has lived all her life in that section of Connecticut—Waterford and East Lyme—where her colonial ancestors settled and lived for many generations. Among these was James Rogers, one of the settlers of the nearby city of New London, Connecticut. One of her ancestors in the war of the American Revolution was Major James Chapman, who fought at Bunker Hill, distinguished himself for rare bravery, and was killed in the battle of White Plains. Mrs. Minor is also a descendant of the noted Baldwin, Beckwith, Holt, Hempstead, Avery and Pierpont families of Connecticut.

Anne Rogers (Minor) was born in East Lyme, Connecticut, April 7, 1864, the daughter of James Rogers and Nancy Beckwith. In 1895 she married Dr. George Maynard Minor. He died in June, 1924. They had but one child, a son, George Rogers Minor, who died in

infancy.

As an artist Mrs. Minor has a wonderful power of putting on canvas the inner spirit of the scenes among which she has lived and worked, exclusively as a landscape painter. Besides her art, Mrs. Minor has many other interests and attainments. She is an eloquent public speaker

on patriotic and philanthropic subjects."

Mrs. Minor is a member of Lucretia Shaw Chapter, New London. Her first official position was Treasurer of her own Chapter for several years. She was elected Regent of the Chapter in 1909 and served four years. She was Chairman of the Guida Finance Committee from 1909 to 1912 inclusive. This committee raised the money which financed the publication and circulation of the "Guida" or Guide for Immigrants, published by the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution, the first book of the kind which was published for the purpose of aiding foreign-born people in the state to understand American ideals and government, now called the Manual for Immigrants.

She served the State as State Vice-Regent for one year, 1913 to 1914, and was elected Vice-President General from Connecticut in 1914,

and held office until 1919.

She was National Chairman of Magazine from 1917 to 1920.

She was unanimously elected President General in 1920 and served the full term to 1923.

Some of the events of her administration were as follows:

First steps taken toward plan for compiling World War military

records of members and relatives of members.

Plans and specifications for water system at Tilloloy, France, described to the Board and work begun by previous administration continued under the superintendence of the Baroness de la Grange with the assistance of Mrs. Roy G. Harris.

Publication of the Manual for Immigrants and first per capita con-

tribution of 25 cents recommended and adopted by the Board.

Form of World War Service Records used by the Connecticut

D. A. R. adopted as a national form by the Board.

Memorial Continental Hall Committee discontinued. Custom of calling a regular meeting of the State Regents for general informal conference previous to the Board meetings was inaugurated in its place.

August 29th and 30th, represented the National Society at the

Provincetown celebrations of the Pilgrim Tercentenary.

National Board approved the plan to erect a Pilgrim Memorial Fountain at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in honor of the Pilgrim women at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 and to present a painting of troopships bound for France to the War Museum of the French Government.

On December 21, 1920, the President General with other officers represented the National Society at the official Government celebration

of the Pilgrim Tercentenary at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Work commenced by the Patriotic Education Committee in behalf of higher standards for motion pictures and the conditions under which they are given.

On March 4, 1921, represented the National Society at inaugural

ceremonies of President Harding.

Initiation fee raised to \$5.00 by the 30th Congress.

Life membership fees constituted a permanent fund by 30th Congress in amendment recommended by the President General.

In April, 1921, received with President and Mrs. Harding at the

White House.

The firm of McKim, Mead and White was selected as architects of Pilgrim Memorial Fountain; the artist Frederick J. Waugh commissioned to paint the picture of troopships for the War Museum of France.

August 9, 1921, placed a wreath in behalf of the National Society, on the grave of the British Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey.

August 20th and 21st of the same year the President General and party were the guests of the French Government at the ceremonies attending a review at Metz in honor of the American Legion, then the guests of France. The trip to Metz was made with M. and Mme. Jusserand and Marshal Foch in the Marshal's private car. On the same day attended the dedication of the monument at Flirey in memory of Pershing's advance into Lorraine.

August 23, 1921, dedication of the fountain and water-works at Tilloloy with impressive ceremonies, participated in by representatives of the French and American Governments. The President General, Mrs. Minor; Honorary President General, Mrs. Guernsey; Treasurer General, Mrs. Hunter; former Treasurer General, Mrs. Johnston, and Mrs. Roy G. Harris were all decorated by the French Government.

August 27th, laid a wreath on the grave of the French Unknown

Soldier in behalf of the Society.

Attended banquet given by French Government in honor of the American Legion at the Hotel Palais D'Orsay and afterwards, with others of her party, the reception tendered the Legion by President Millerand at the Chateau de Rambouillet.

In September, 1921, placed Memorial Continental Hall at the disposal of the Department of State for the use of the Conference on Limitation of Armament. Accepted by Secretary Hughes.

Manual for Immigrants, in English, issued for distribution.

In October the painting of "Troopships Bound for France" by Frederick J. Waugh was finished and placed on exhibition in Memorial Continental Hall.

On October 19th, the corner-stone of the Administration Building

was laid with simple ceremonies.

On November 10th, wreath was placed in behalf of the National Society on the bier of America's Unknown Soldier lying in state in the Capitol.

November 11th, National Society represented by the President General and other National officers at the ceremonies attending the

burial of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington.

November 12th, opening session of the Conference on the Limitation of Armament held in Memorial Continental Hall. All plenary sessions (seven) of the Conference were held here.

Manual was issued in Spanish and Italian translations.

January 6, 1922, the President General, as representative of the Society, delivered speech of acceptance in the name of the "Women of America" of the statue of Jeanne d'Arc on the occasion of its unveiling by "Le Lyceum," Societe des Femmes de France.

February 4, 1922, final business session of the Armament Conference. February 6th, final session with address by President Harding and signing of the treaties. The pen with which Secretary of State Hughes signed the treaties was presented to the National Society. Gavel given for the use of Secretary Hughes by the President General and afterwards presented by her to the Society.

February 8th, the Historian General reported to the Board that 43 states had sent in 1,072 volumes of War Service Records containing

13,000 records.

Completion of the Liberty Loan Fund of \$100,000 announced to the 31st Congress. Liberty Loan Fund Committee created to administer its income.

Services held in the Amphitheatre at Arlington by the 31st Congress in memory of the Unknown Soldier and wreaths laid on the tomb by President General and State Regents.

Trees from the estate of Lafayette and from Sulgrave Manor planted at Mount Vernon as part of the annual exercises there during the

31st Congress. Joffre, Marshal of France, was present.

Painting of "Convoy of Troopships Bound for France" formally presented at Monday evening session to French Government and accepted by Ambassador Jusserand.

Polish edition of the Manual issued and Yiddish and Hungarian

in preparation.

Gift of pair of bronze entrance doors completed by the donor, Mrs.

May 30th, the National Society was represented by the President General and national officers at the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial by the United States Government.

June, 1921, social service work begun at Ellis Island, among the

children in the kindergarten.

Better Films department under Patriotic Education Committee created.

September 16th, bill passed by United States Congress exempting from taxation lots 12 to 16 in rear of Memorial Continental Hall. These lots were purchased by the previous administration.

In October occupational and recreational work in women's detention room at Ellis Island was inaugurated by vote of the National Board.

November 12th, bronze tablet presented by the United States Government to the Society in commemoration of its courtesy in loaning Memorial Continental Hall for the Armament Conference and placed on rear wall of the platform back of where President Harding stood when addressing the Conference.

December 4th, the President General moved into the President General's suite of three rooms and bath in the Administration building,

furnished in her honor by her own State, Connecticut.

In December, 1922, the last parcel of land in the rear of the Hall, lots 8, 9 and 10, were purchased for \$60,062.68, paid for in cash out of current income. Whole square now owned by the Society.

December 6th, meeting of the Southern Society in Memorial Continental Hall, with Clemenceau, the "Tiger of France," as guest of

honor; address of welcome by the President General.

February 15th, report to the Board of the engagement of a social service worker to take care of D. A. R. work at Ellis Island, in the women's detention room. Separate national committee created for this work.

April, 1923, French, German and Russian editions of the Manual ordered for early delivery, making a total of two English editions and eight foreign language translations issued since the beginning of the work.

33,876 new members were admitted during the three years of this administration.

Total cost of Administration Building \$385,129.62 Paid out of income and loans by this administration 185,129.62

Leaving at the close of this administration a debt of\$280,000.00 Policy of national preparedness against war re-affirmed by 32nd Congress.

Resolutions against all forms of radicalism, socialism, pacifism, etc., unanimously adopted and loyalty pledged to the United States Con-

stitution.

Gift of scholarship of \$3,500 at the American Indian Institute at Wichita, Kansas, presented in tribute to the President General by members of the Congress and others.

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT GENERAL FROM CONNECTICUT

MRS. SARA THOMSON KINNEY

PAST VICE-PRESIDENTS GENERAL FROM CONNECTICUT

MRS. E. J. HILL 1896-1898

MRS. N. D. SPERRY 1898-1901

MRS. M. HEPBURN SMITH 1902-1904

MISS CLARE LEE BOWMAN 1904-1908

MRS. JOHN T. STERLING 1908-1912

MRS. GEORGE MAYNARD MINOR 1914-1919

MRS. JOHN LAIDLAW BUEL 1922-1925

MRS. CHARLES HUMPHREY BISSELL Present Vice-President General 1927-1930

STATE REGENTS

MRS. DeB. RANDOLPH KEIM Organizing Regent 1891-1895

MISS SUSAN CARRINGTON CLARKE 1895

MRS. SARA THOMSON KINNEY 1895-1909

MRS. JOHN LAIDLAW BUEL 1909-1922

MRS. CHARLES HUMPHREY BISSELL 1922-1927

MISS KATHARINE ARNOLD NETTLETON 1927-Present Regent



HISTORY OF STATE SOCIETY

WO years after the organization of the N. S. D. A. R. in Washington, October 11, 1890, the Connecticut society was launched. Mrs. Jane Summer Owen Keim (Mrs. deB. Randolph) was appointed State Regent by the National Board. Although not a resident of Hartford, living in Washington, she was a native of the Connecticut capital, possessed of splendid executive ability and acquainted with many Connecticut people. For these reasons she was given the work of organizing the Society in this state.

The first Chapter formed was the Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth Chapter of Middletown. The organization of this Chapter was at the suggestion of Dr. G. Browne Goode, a member of the advisory board of the National Society, his wife, Mrs. Sarah Judd Goode (national number 22) with Mary S. Northrop and Mrs. Mary A. H. Bunce, charter members of the National Society were of the twelve charter members

of the new Society.

Mrs. Keim reported to the fourth Continental Congress the or-

ganization of twenty-nine Chapters with a membership of 1,385.

Mrs. William M. Olcott (Elizabeth Olivia Tyler) Honorary State Regent for 22 years, appointed by the National Board in December, 1892, received her commission in January, 1893, and immediately engaged in assisting Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim in the organization of

Chapters. Mrs. Olcott died February 21, 1915.

Miss Susan Carrington Clarke's term was brief; her death occurring a few months after her election. Mrs. Sara Thomson Kinney followed serving her State for fourteen years and carrying the title of "Chief" lovingly bestowed on her by the Connecticut "Daughters." Many of the outstanding events of her Regency are told in Miss Crofut's Biographical Sketch. Education, an active motive in Mrs. Kinney's life, found expression when the D. A. R. advocated a new line of work; namely, patriotic education for foreign-born inhabitants and their children. She was first "to sound the warning against the 'Black Shadows of Anarchy' now very close to the folds of 'Old Glory'." The educational appeal found ready response with the Chapters, resulting in one of the largest departments of state work and greatly needed within our own gates.

In 1901, the State Society published a 530-page book, "The Patron Saints of Connecticut Chapters, D. A. R.," edited by Mary Philothetea Root of Katherine Gaylord, Bristol. In 1904, another book by Miss Root, "Patriot Daughters of Connecticut Chapters," was published.

With the spirit of happiness that was Mrs. Kinney's and a birthday well placed, the twenty-first of April, the Connecticut delegates to the Continental Congress had the pleasure of joining in her birthday celebration each year and often followed on the return home by a Chapter party again celebrating the event.

Through the State Consulting Registrar, Mrs. Mary Bugbee Bishop of Putnam, Connecticut, an effort is being made to copy the inscriptions in all old grave-yards for the invaluable record of its deaths. Already the work is well underway. A typewritten copy is sent the State Library at Hartford where it can be consulted, and a copy sent the D. A. R. National Library.

For the proof of Connecticut ancestry consult "Connecticut Men in the Revolution," published by the State of Connecticut; also Vols. 8 and 12 of "Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society." Hoadley's "Public Records of the State of Connecticut" prove civil and military service, though it is sometimes necessary to write to the State Librarian, the Adjutant-General or to consult the Town Clerks or the Town Histories. The 21st Report of the N. S. D. A. R. contains a list of Revolutionary pensioners who served from Connecticut. The Vital Records of this State are now being published.

With the request from the Historian General for the compiling of a State and Chapter History was an outline to be followed which included a history of Chapter name, date of organization of Chapter, list of charter members, name of each Chapter Regent and biography, dates of her service together with a summary of Chapter work during her

Regency.

This material was to be compiled and edited by the State Historian. Bulletins were mailed to the Chapter Historians in September, 1927, containing this request of the Historian General, and again in May, 1928, another bulletin was mailed, this time to Chapter Regents as well as Historians.

Personal letters then followed, all in the interest of each Chapter having a carefully compiled history together with as many pictures of their Regents as could be secured. There was no space limit, only as a guide when requested, when editing it was the desire to use all the historical material submitted by the Chapters and only matter not closely connected with the D. A. R. was not retained.

It has been a subject of pride with the State Historian to have the first printed history of the thirty-six years of the D. A. R. in Connecticut complete and an interesting record for those who may turn

to these pages now or in the future.



MISS SUSAN CARRINGTON CLARKE
Middletown
State Regent 1895
(Died in office)

Miss Susan Carrington Clarke was born in Rhode Island. She was a charter member, treasurer and second regent of Wadsworth Chapter in Middletown.



MRS. SARA THOMSON KINNEY
Hartford
State Regent 1895-1909

Honorary State Regent 1909-1922
Honorary Vice-President General 1910-1922
Charter member Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, New Haven

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF MRS. SARA THOMSON KINNEY

By FLORENCE S. MARCY CROFUT

AUGHTERS of the American Revolution in New Haven like to recall, that Anthony Thompson of Kent, England, sailing with John Davenport, Theophilus Eaton and others from London, in 1637, was later one of the party to found New Haven, and was buried in 1648, near the site of the old State House on the "Green." Not a mile from there, in 1890, was placed to rest, his lineal descendant, Dr. Charles Steele Thomson, the father of Sara Thomson Kinney. Daughters of the American Revolution in Hartford, on the other hand, cherish the historic fact, that (on Doctor Thomson's maternal (Steele) side of the family, with Governor Bradford of Massachusetts as the first recognized American ancestor), John Steele led the Hooker Colony from Newtown, Massachusetts; and in 1635, founded Hartford, which, on December 14, 1922, became the final resting place of her whose biography I have been asked to sketch briefly. No life is a greater witness to the psychological influence of inheritance than that of this illustrious woman; and owing to its importance, I shall dwell longer on her family life, than on her public life, which is familiar to you all.

Being graduated from the medical school at Yale University, in 1882, and returning a few years later from Granby, Massachusetts, to Fair Haven, Connecticut, to continue the practice of medicine for over fifty years—her father, Doctor Thomson was widely known throughout New England, as a skillful, sympathetic physician, constantly called in consultation. "He would drive his fast horse to the limit of its strength to keep an appointment." Like his daughter, it was part of his religion to keep his promises and appointments, and he was a religious man. Later, when the great infirmity of blindness shut from him the beauties of the world of nature he so loved, Doctor Thomson was still, as a friend wrote of him, "the same, brave-hearted, cheery friend and

brother."

The woman, who graced his home for fifty-six years, from 1834, when he married Susan Coit Belcher, was the daughter of Colonel William Belcher of the War of 1812, and the granddaughter of Captain William Belcher of the Revolutionary Army. It is of no small moment, to refer here, not alone to her love of genealogical research, which ultimately revealed her lineage to be traced back to Gregory Belcher, who left England for Boston in 1634—and he was descended from Louis de Bellechere, who went from Normandy to England in 1060. But it is also of moment to state, that Wheeler, in his book entitled "Origin of Names," says that Louis "was so famed for his beauty and kindness of manner, as to be called Bellechere(which means Dear or Well-beloved)." Later, coming on down to the nineteenth century—who was his descendant, but our "dear," our "well-beloved" Chief?

She fulfilled indeed the literal meaning of one of her ancestral names. I wish I could, in some way, convey to you the gentleness with which Mrs. Kinney always referred to her sainted and widely read and accomplished mother, of whom she so often spoke to me, with lingering caresses in her tone, as it drifted back to the memories always vivified by some evidence, more or less tangible—by a poem or by a magazine article written by her mother, or by a letter, which any friend esteemed it high privilege to receive. During the years of her rather fragile health, a friend has lovingly written of Mrs. Thomson: "not only was her sympathy wide and warm, her heart a fountain of love; but God had endowed her with rare insight into character, and still rarer power to call out all that was highest, best and most congenial in those around her." Were maternal and paternal characteristics ever more fully inherited than by the subject of this sketch?

With such a father and such a mother, was it strange, that the Fair Haven home of Doctor and Mrs. Thomson has been repeatedly referred

to as:

"The ideal home—a world of strife Shut out; a world of love shut in."

Like the tent of the fairy Banon-it was always capable of being stretched so as to accommodate one more. Mrs. Kinney frequently told me, that when an extra guest appeared, there was no commotion. They all merely moved up a little closer at the table, to enable another cover to be placed. And then the drawing room:

"Beneath the lamp a table, strewn with papers, books and flowers— There's the "Tribune" and "Atlantic," "Putnam," "Harper" and

Pass by as if by magic, in the 'goodlie companie,'

Of philosophers and poets, crowned with immortality."

To such a father and such a mother, and to such a home—Sara Thomson, our beloved Chief, was born, April 21, 1842. The little Thomsons—and there were six of them—had a governess who, by fits and starts, was loved, and then almost disliked by her childish circle. One day, when very small and very young, a heavy snow came, and little Sara, wanting to trudge out through it, begged one of her brothers to allow her to go with him. Reluctantly, he finally said: "Why, yes, if you'll follow in my tracks." "No," was the stout reply, "I'd rather make my own twacks." Even then, the child was mother of the woman, equal to blazing a way for others to follow. It occurred to Doctor Thomson, one winter, that he would like to have the miniatures of his family painted. Consequently, he sent for an artist, who spent several months in the Fair Haven home, while he immortalized the family on ivory. An Italian music-master was periodically brought from New York to instruct the sister so many of us know and love as Mrs. Susan Darling, who was gifted with a beautiful voice. Although the advantages of music and art and education were thus brought directly into the house, the time came, however, when Sara, at the age of fourteen, begged to try her wings outside the home nest. So the stage came to collect her and another little girl and leave them at Miss Brace's school in New Haven. Later in her school days, although writing at the time for a magazine, she could not be induced to write anything so trivial as a school composition; and I think, did not do so during the time she went to school. On a certain prize day, she ranked fourth; she had intended, moreover, to rank fourth and rather gloried in it, knowing that with her brilliant mind, she could have far more easily ranked first. As a sign of this mystic fourth, she wore the significant green sash of fourth rank across her shoulders; and her friend, who was her fellow student, and told me recently of the incident said, that the green sash was most becoming to Miss Sara Thomson, in her little dress of straw-colored silk, and with her glossy, brown hair coiled about her head, whose shape was of most unusual beauty.

Then, of course, all through this period, the Thomson family had a wonderful reputation, far and wide, for having good times. Their always unquestioned superiority became even more greatly enhanced by their owning the only piano for miles around. At that time, old folk's concerts were in vogue, and that piano was made to walk around

from one hall to another, as energetically as its owners.

Years went by, even then in rather a winged way. Finally came the time of Sara Thomson's first really public act. What would you guess that to be? It was her first commemorative work, and consisted in executing some of the details of the gift of a single benefactor, Mr. Grannis, in erecting a suitable gate to replace the dilapidated entrance to the Fair Haven cemetery.

About this time, the Fair Haven home became a rendezvous for Yale students, with resulting gaiety—especially during Commencement week. But there was only one among them, whose suit was favored by the subject of my sketch. He was widely known as "Jack;" and she was known as "Sis," even in those days! Of these two notable epochs in her life, the following reference is made in a poem by a friend:

"Here Sis comes from the office with a letter from our Jack.

Her fair, young shoulders free once more from that enormous pack

That Cemetery Gate—which I hear she hath set down Where all the papers say—'It is an Honor to the town'."

On March 7, 1867, Sara Thomson was married from the dear Fair Haven home to Major John Coddington Kinney. Major Kinney, once the idol of Hartford, had a brilliant record in the Civil War, when he was Farragut's flag officer at the battle of Mobile Bay, on the frigate "Hartford," whose transference by the Federal Government to Connecticut waters from the former hostile harbor of Charleston, S. C., was one of the last works Mrs. Kinney was asked to perform by the State Chamber of Commerce. Later, Major Kinney was on the editorial staff of the "Waterbury American," and the "Hartford Courant."

Losing her mother, and four months later her father, in 1890, and in 1891, her beloved husband, Mrs. Kinney was suddenly and sadly bereft.

In 1881, the Connecticut Indian Association was organized, and for over thirty years, she was its president. Mrs. Kinney expended her rich gifts of service, balanced by her great sense of proportions and justice through her staunch and active interest for the neglected American Indians. By her actual residence on their reservations, her

services for the first real Americans were not limited to those of an educator, but extended to those of a friend, loyal to their best interests. Her wide sympathy was an inspiration to Miss Frost, the self-sacrificing missionary, with a salary of \$500, at Ross Forks, a little mission, which the Connecticut Association conducted for seven children at any one time. Pressed flowers and marvelous creations of their needles were sent east by the children to Mrs. Kinney on her birthday. On the other hand, Christmas never came without bringing to each child in the faraway home, a gift of loving remembrance from their faithful friend in Connecticut; and in more recent years, each holiday season found her occupied in shopping to fit out boxes of clothing for the needy among that race.

Whether in times of war or peace, Mrs. Kinney was eagerly interested in the work of the National Red Cross and was prominent in the days of its early organization under Miss Clara Barton. During the Spanish-American War, she led her D. A. R. Chapters in organized relief work, and during the World War, she did her share and more, to the limit of her strength with the other brave women of the country.

With the incoming of 1895, began that portion of the career of this remarkable woman, with which every Connecticut Daughter of the American Revolution cannot fail to be familiar, and this is especially true of us today, who have been privileged to hear the beautiful tribute just paid her by Mrs. Buel. Consequently, I will mention only one or two of the outstanding features of this period, in order to round out this inadequate and brief biography of a woman, regarding whom a volume could be written. It was in 1895, that she was sought out by her friends and pressed to become State Regent of Connecticut. As I said to our State Conference a year ago, in speaking of her as the predecessor of our renowned Mrs. Buel, Mrs. Kinney held her own State in the hollow of her hand, and close to her heart. This was especially true during the time that her spirit made the Chapters, made the members, in fact—a cohesive whole, till the solidarity of Connecticut became famed under her leadership; and she, as leader, became respected and recognized by successive Continental Congresses, which came to trust her quiet judgment. From the beginning of her D. A. R. career, she cherished a high idea of the national scope of the Society, which finally, as a tribute to her great work for Connecticut, and as a tribute to her great personality, elected her in 1910, as Honorary Vice-President General. I can only refer, in passing, to her incalculable service in doing her part to acquire the Ellsworth Homestead for our State organization, and in becoming the Founder and then President of the Ellsworth Memorial Association from 1903-22.

Her long and distinguished ancestry and her wide popularity led to her membership in, and official connection with many additional organizations, which included the Connecticut Societies of the Colonial Dames of America, of the United States Daughters of 1812, and of Daughters of Founders and Patriots; as well as her Mayflower connections (including her Governorship), and also the Order of Descendants of Governors, Daughters and Sons of Pilgrims, the Mary Washington Memorial Association and many others.

Although Mrs. Kinney served widely and long, and was greatly hon-

ored by the State of Connecticut, through her appointment by several Governors to commissions of honor and trust—yet we like to think of Mrs. Kinney especially as a rare Daughter of the American Revolution, a Daughter of our great organization, to which she gave the utmost of her constructive ability.

Tolerant of failure, but intolerant of prejudiced opinion, encouraging to the faltering, untouched by partisanship, Mrs. Kinney repeatedly extended her hand in loving guidance to those who sought her counsel. With her distinguished connections, with her high conception of virtue, with her steady march, even in these unsteady times, towards a progressive ideal, she has placed high above us a lode-star, that cannot fail to illumine the way of all the thousands who were blessed in being her friends. In the swiftly moving current of today, leading us often blindly on to reefs, Mrs. Kinney's whole life is an example of that rare distinction of being

"A heart at leisure from itself, to soothe and sympathize. She had a tear for other's woes and patience with her own."

And paraphrasing some lines written by her own mother:

And we, dear Heart! what can we ask this day,
But, as the Past, that so the Future may
Make us witness to His truth—whose promise then
As ever, shall be Yea. His word, "Amen."
Though now, dear Chief, thy westering sun has seen the night,
Yet thy message to thy Daughters is, "At eventide, it shall

The "angel of His presence" beckons ye all to me still.



MISS CLARA LEE BOWMAN
Bristol

Vice-President General 1904-1908
State Vice-Regent 1910-1912
Chapter Regent 1896-1897
Died October 7, 1916



MRS. JOHN T. STERLING
Bridgeport
Vice-President General 1908-1912

Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Peck Sterling was born in Stratford, the daughter of Elizabeth Baldwin Peck and Elliott Judson Peck.

Recording Secretary of Mary Silliman Chapter, Bridgeport, in 1901-1903; Regent, 1905-1907; State Councillor, 1903-1905.



MRS. JOHN LAIDLAW BUEL
Litchfield
Vice-President General 1922-1925
State Regent 1909-1922
Vice State Regent 1908-1909
National Chairman of Manual for Immigrants Committee 1920-1926
Honorary State Regent

City, February 16, 1868, the daughter of Newcomb Cushman Barney and Elizabeth Jackson Sturgis Barney; married Dr. John Laid-

law Buel of Litchfield, Connecticut, in 1895.

After graduating from St. John's School (private) New York City, in 1887, Mrs. Buel entered Columbia College, took her B. A. degree with the class of '91, the only woman to graduate in this class of 400. At this time, women were not admitted to classes or lecture courses; therefore, Mrs. Buel pursued her college course alone at home without the assistance of teachers or lectures, except one year of tutoring in Greek.

In 1893, shortly before her marriage, Mrs. Buel lived nine months in London, writing articles for Harper's Bazaar and other periodicals, on English life and English Women's Colleges. She is the author of a booklet, "The Tale of the Spinning Wheel," and a pamphlet entitled "Socialist Propaganda in the United States;" and besides has edited

the Manual for Immigrants and other works.

Mrs. Buel is now State Chairman of the Committee on National Defense. She was the Organizing Regent (1899) of Mary Floyd Tallmadge, served nine years, retiring as Honorary Regent. In 1926 Mrs. Buel was elected National President of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, is serving as trustee of the American International College at Springfield, Massachusetts, and a member of the Connecticut Societies of Colonial Dames, Mayflower Descendants, and New England Women.

Outline of State Work During Administration of Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel as Fourth State Regent, Connecticut Daughters of The American Revolution 1909—1922

Number of Chapters in 1909, 47; number in 1922, 53. None disbanded. Net gain, 6.

Number of members in 1909, 4,358; number of members in 1922,

5,755. Net gain, 1,397.

1910 Publication of the "Guide for Immigrants," in English and three foreign language translations, Italian, Yiddish and Polish, at a total cost of \$7,200.

1911 Gift of one pair bronze entrance doors to Memorial Continental Hall in memory of Chapter Heroines and Heroes: Cost \$2,440.

1915 Assumption of one \$5,000 bond toward raising bonded indebtedness on Continental Hall.

1910 and 1922 Gift of the Board Room in Continental Hall, finished and furnished at a cost of \$6,000.

1916 Purchase of land in rear of Hall, at \$1.25 a square foot, \$601.

1912 Gift to Continental Hall of marble bust of Oliver Ellsworth and pedestal in honor of Mrs. Kinney; bust by Gutzon Borglum, a replica of original in Capitol at Washington.

Thousands of dollars in cash toward the building of Continental

Hall—upwards of \$30,000, roughly estimated.

1917 One \$1,000 endowed scholarship at Maryville College, as a contribution toward the \$100,000 Margaret E. Henry Memorial Scholarship Fund.

1913 Celebration of 21st birthday in Foot-Guard Armory, Hartford,

a notable occasion.

Gift of portrait of Mrs. Kinney by Eugene Speicher to the Ellsworth Homestead, \$800.

1917 Institution of current expense, repair and endowment funds for the Ellsworth Homestead, through regular extra contributions from the chapters.

1914 Winning of the \$1,000 prize for highest number of Magazine subscriptions in one year, and remaining in the lead for many

years.

1915 Compilation of statistics of the first quarter century of work, from October, 1890, the organization of the Society, to October, 1915, showing a total expenditure on all forms of work of \$362,953.45, up to that time.

1917 Acceptance of the legacy of the Governor Jonathan Trumbull Homestead at Lebanon, the same to come to the Connecticut

D. A. R. after the death of two other heirs.

1916 Securing of an appropriation of \$1,000 from the Connecticut Legislature for the copying of the Pension Records of the Revolutionary Soldiers from Connecticut on file in the Pension Office, Washington, the same to be done under the charge of the Connecticut State Librarian.

1915 Red Cross Relief work before our entrance into the World War,

1915, \$3,273.52.

1918 War Work during World War: (See also published War Work Report).

Quota toward N. S. D. A. R. Liberty Loan Fund of \$100,000, \$5,465.24, quota toward fund for devastated village of Tilloloy, \$3,030.24, both oversubscribed.

Students sent to National Service School, \$1,180.

Special knitting for Aviation School at Mineola, L. I. Six sets of six garments each, 3,600 pieces pledged and sent; cost upwards of \$4,047.55

Total cash expenditure for all forms of War Work including above, \$216,724.72.

For record of subscriptions to the five Liberty Loans from chapters and members, see report. It went into the millions.

1921 Subscription of \$1,000 toward the Jonathan Trumbull Memorial Professorship in American History at Harvard.

1921 Furnishing of the President General's suite of three rooms and bath in the administration building of Continental Hall in honor of the President General from Connecticut, Mrs. George Maynard Minor. About \$2,000.

1920 Compilation of the military records of the boys in the World War who went from members' immediate families. Five volumes in triplicate, one set given to Continental Hall, one set loaned to State Library, these two bound; the third blank returned to Chapter furnishing the record. These formed a

mode for similar work in other states, adopted by the National

Society, both the form of blank and the binding.

1917 Red Cross membership campaign instituted among the D. A. R. 4,735 out of 5,179 Chapter members of the D. A. R. became Red Cross members. Red Cross chapters also formed by the D. A. R. all over the state. Cash contributions, \$5,200.

Regular work of the Chapters not interrupted by the War Work,

which was additional.

In the two war years, \$93,500 and \$65,121.77 expended by the Chapters and State on war and regular work.

Flag rules printed for distribution long before the official Flag

Code came out.

1920 Raised fund of \$550 for two-year scholarship for teacher train-

ing at the American International Institute.

1920 and 1924 Publication of several editions of address by Mrs.

Minor on "The Deeper Meaning of the Daughters of the
American Revolution Organization" and on "Socialistic Propaganda in the United States" by Mrs. Buel.

1920-1923 Quotas for the "Manual of the United States for the Information of Immigrants," Pilgrim Memorial Fountain at Plymouth and the painting of a convoy of troopships taking American soldiers to France, national society work at 60 cents per member, all met in full at a cost of \$3,210.00

1921 State prize contest for best attendance of foreigners in Americanization classes of the State instituted, and repeated annually.

1920 State Regent appointed by the President General, Mrs. Minor, to compile the aforesaid "Manual," now published in English and 17 foreign language translations.

1921 Two founderships of \$150 each presented to Tamassee School in honor of Mrs. Minor, President General and Mrs. Buel, State

Regent.

1922 Additional quota of 50 cents per member for Ellsworth Homestead Endowment Fund called for; totalled \$4,979.60.

Maintenance of the Ellsworth Homestead year after year at increasing cost, due to endowment fund, repairs, etc., and improvements to the property.

Total expenditures for the 13 years reached a conservative estimate of \$344,690.79, based on State work costs and Chapter

returns, for Chapter work.

Mrs. Buel served as Vice-President General, 1922 to 1925, and as national chairman of the "Manual for Immigrants" from 1920 to 1926. Was a member of the Executive Committee of the National Board during Mrs. Minor's administration.



MRS. CHARLES HUMPHREY BISSELL
Southington
Vice-President General 1928-1930
State Regent 1922-1927
State Vice Regent 1914-1922
State Corresponding Secretary 1913-1914
Honorary State Regent
Chapter Regent 1903-1905, 1910-1913
National number 40,193

ISTORY of Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution, 1922-1927, during term of the Fifth Regent, Mrs. Charles Humphrey Bissell (Eva Valentine Matoon Bissell).

Completed payment of \$6,000 for the Board Room in Memorial

Continental Hall.

Furnished the President General's suite in the Administration Building at a cost of \$2,300.

Contributed \$1,000 toward the Jonathan Trumbull Professorship in

American Government at Harvard University.

Ruth Wyllys Chapter restored and furnished the room of the Secretary of State in the Historic Old State House, Hartford.

Mrs. Sara Thomson Kinney, Honorary State Regent, died December 14, 1922. Memorial tribute to her published and distributed.

Raised \$3,500 for the Connecticut bell in the Peace Chime at Valley

Forge.

Published two editions each of pamphlet by Mrs. George M. Minor, "Why I am a Daughter of the American Revolution" and "Socialistic Propaganda in the United States" by Mrs. John L. Buel.

Purchased Constitution Hall bonds, \$106,000.

Paid for Box in Constitution Hall, \$1,500.

Gifts of money to same (during two years), \$12,728.00.

During the five-year period there was raised for the maintenance of the Ellsworth Homestead, \$15,255.00.

All National and State quotas were paid in full.

Began raising the \$6,000 scholarship for Connecticut College.



MISS KATHARINE ARNOLD NETTLETON
State Regent
1927
(In Office)

GATHARINE ARNOLD NETTLETON was born and spent her childhood in Shelton, Connecticut, the daughter of Charles H. Nettleton and Katharine St. John Arnold Nettleton; they were married November 11, 1874.

In 1905, she moved with her family to Derby which has since been her home. In April, 1905, she joined the Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter, D. A. R., with the national number 51,142. Her active mind and executive ability that had already manifested itself in early youth were not to be "hidden under a bushel." Her Chapter soon found work for her to do. She was made Treasurer in 1910 and continued efficiently to fulfill the duties of this office for six years. Her love for figures and executive promptness were excellent qualifications for a treasurer and it was not without regret that her Chapter gave up their Treasurer to accept the higher office of Vice-Regent. She held the office of Vice-Regent 1916-1920, and here she served in no honorary sense but gave unstintedly of her time and herself in the interest of the Chapter's activities.

In 1920 she became Regent. Her administration was marked by a broadening scope of work, both national and state. Success distinguished the years of her Regency. Splendid growth in membership and prompt accomplishment of work, whether national, state or local, were outstanding features. It was not surprising that when her four year term had expired her Chapter amended its by-laws that its Regent might continue in office which she held for two years longer. In 1922 she became State Vice-Regent and for five years gave herself with characteristic earnestness and efficiency to the work of the state.

In 1927, Connecticut honored Miss Nettleton with its highest office -that of State Regent. She was State Councilor, 1914, Treasurer Ellsworth Memorial Association 1916-1927, National Chairman of House Committee 1920-1923, National Chairman of Tellers 1923-1926, State Chairman Constitution Hall.

The outstanding events since becoming State Regent of Connecticut are the raising of money in pledges and gifts for Constitution Hall and the redemption of every pledge made in full. The completion of the D. A. R. scholarship in the Connecticut College for Women in New London, and the compiling and financing of this State History.

Miss Nettleton is a member of the following patriotic organizations:

National Officers Club, D. A. R.

Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America

Colonial Dames of America

Society of Daughters of Colonial Wars

Scions of Colonial Cavaliers

Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims

National Society of the Daughters of the Barons of Runnymede.

Sulgrave Institution

THE DAY AT WINDSOR By Mrs. Charles Whittlesey Pickett

CTOBER THE EIGHTH, 1903, marked without doubt the most important event in the history of the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution, and it may not be overstepping the bounds of fact

to add, the most important in this organization in any state.

This was the acceptance, with appropriate ceremonies, of The Ellsworth Homestead at Windsor, which was presented to the Connecticut Daughters by the one hundred and sixteen heirs of Oliver Ellsworth, and the gift of this old homestead, rich in history, tradition and association, is almost without a parallel; certainly this is true in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The conception of this project took place in the patriotic brain of Mrs. Frank Chamberlin Porter of New Haven, one of the Ellsworth

heirs.

To win over more than one hundred prospective heirs to sign away their inherent right to a property valuable in memories and history was no light task, but Mrs. Porter succeeded in convincing everyone of them that its presentation to the Connecticut Daughters would place the old home in permanent and appreciative hands.

The last Ellsworth descendants residing there had passed away and there was not one out of the large number of heirs who desired to make their home at Windsor. Its preservation materially and historically was assured if it were given to the Society and in due time the willing

signature of each was obtained.

The Ellsworth Homestead had descended in the family since 1665. Oliver Ellsworth, who made the place famous, was born in 1745 and died in November, 1807.

He was a member of the Continental Congress, a United States Senator from 1789 to 1796, third Chief Justice of the United States,

and Minister Plenipotentiary to France.

The house exhales interesting history and in every room are suggestions of the fine old family life which made its most distinguished member exclaim on one occasion as he reached his home gate: "Windsor is the best town, in the best state, in the best country in the world."

Passing lightly over the months work on Mrs. Porter's part, the corresponding amount of official work on the State Regent's part in presenting the project to the different Chapters and awaiting their sanction and support, and all this followed by the long summer of preparation, during which the house was renovated and repaired, papered and painted, rechimneyed and redrained and altogether put in a state worthy the inspection of every Daughter in the state, not to mention the Governor and his staff and the many illustrious guests who were bidden to come and rejoice with the Daughters over their new possession, all entailing an immense amount of thought and wise judgment, let us come to the day when all was ready for the great event.

Invitations were issued to Governor Chamberlain and staff and to other state officials, to national officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution, military officers, clergymen and men prominent in business and education circles, the Daughters themselves being a kind of collective hostess with Mrs. Sara Thomson Kinney, State Regent, their official representative.

The old house looked bright and shining in its new coat of paint, dainty white muslin curtains finished with ball fringe draping the small-

paned windows.

The Stars and Stripes waved from several of the large elm trees in the yard, nine still remaining of the thirteen planted a century ago by

Oliver Ellsworth's hands, one for each of the original states.

The Connecticut flag and the insignia of the Daughters of the American Revolution were hung in effective places, and over the "Porch" on which the speakers were seated, were suspended two draped American flags forming a spining wheel and distaff, the emblem of the Society.

The guests arrived from every point by trolley, by train and by

private conveyance.

Between twelve and one o'clock a "pocket luncheon" was eaten al fresco, little groups scattered about the lawn, chatting as they enjoyed

the informal picnic.

It was nearly two o'clock when the band appeared in view, and closely following were the brilliant uniformed members of the First Company, Governor's Foot Guard, organized in 1771. And what a brave showing they made as they marched with a long swinging stride, their red coats making vivid splashes of color against the autumn landscape.

Following the Foot Guard were the carriages containing Governor Abiram Chamberlain and members of his staff, invited guests and members of the Ellsworth family, who had been enjoying a reunion breakfast in Hartford in the morning. Among the number were some who had their first sight of their ancestral homestead simultaneously with its going out of the possession of the Ellsworth family.

Underlying all the exercises of the day was this beautiful thought, that "Honor was being given where honor was due," and that even after a lapse of a century or more, the worth and work of Oliver Ellsworth

were being appreciated and valued.

One of the remarkable facts in connection with its transference to the Daughters, is that since the first deed was drawn up, giving to the first Ellsworth in 1665 a claim to that section, there has been no deed or conveyance of an inch of land to anyone until at the moment when Mrs. Frank Chamberlin Porter handed to Mrs. Sara T. Kinney the signed deed of the property.

The house is a fine example of the old New England style of architecture. Roomy, plain and dignified, it typifies most fittingly the kind of men and women who lived their upright, wholesome, austere

lives within its walls.

About fifty descendants of Oliver Ellsworth were present at the exercises.

The only representative of Oliver Ellsworth's oldest daughter, Abigail, who married Professor Williams, who was present, was Miss Augusta H. Williams.

The line of Martin Ellsworth, the oldest son, who owned the homestead, was represented by Hon. Henry E. Taintor, Mrs. Taintor, Miss Lucy Taintor, William Taintor and two daughters, all of Hartford; Mrs. Frederick Wendell Davis, Miss Dorothy Davis, Roger Wolcott Davis, Frederick Ellsworth Davis, Elise Pierrepont Davis; Mrs. Hall, wife of Commander Martin Ellsworth Hall of the United States Navy; Richards Wyckoff Hall, Somerville, Massachusetts; George V. Curtis, Springfield, Massachusetts, and Ruth Curtis, Windsor.

Descendants of Frances Ellsworth, who married Judge Joseph Wood of New Haven, present were: Mr. and Mrs. Washington Irving Vinal, of Washington, where Mr. Vinal is coast surveyor; George Wood Merwin Vinal of Wesleyan College. Descendants of Frances Ellsworth's daughter, Delia, who married Chester Lyman of the Sheffield Scientific School, were Mrs. Charles D. McCandliss, Professor and Mrs. Frank C. Porter, of New Haven, and Chester W. Lyman of New York City.

The line of Governor William W. Ellsworth, who married Emily Webster, daughter of the famous lexicographer, Noah Webster, was present in the persons of Attorney and Mrs. Ernest Bradford Ellsworth, Mrs. Emily Ellsworth Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Dobson Parker, Reverend Wolcott Webster Ellsworth, Mrs. Norborne Nicholas of Geneva, New York, a daughter of President Jackson, formerly of Trinity College, who married an Ellsworth; Mr. William Webster Ellsworth of the Century Company, New York, Mrs. Ellsworth, Mrs. Creevy of New York, Bradford Ellsworth, Helen Ellsworth, Elizabeth Ellsworth and Waldo Hutchins of Geneva.

The only representative of Henry W. Ellsworth, son of Henry Leavitt Ellsworth, twin to the Governor and the first commissioner of patents, was Miss Marie Stuart, Smith College '99, of Lafayette, Indiana.

The Henry L. Ellsworth branch was represented by Mrs. George Inness, Jr., wife of the well-known artist and daughter of Roswell Smith, founder of the Century Magazine, and Annie Goodrich Ellsworth, who, under the direction of S. B. Morse, sent the first telegraphic message May 24, 1844; and Miss Juliet Inness.

Mrs. Mary Prout West of Rutland, Vermont, although not of Ellsworth lineage, gave her inherited portion of "Elmwood," and was present, also Mr. and Miss Richards, who are connected by marriage

with one of the Martin Ellsworth branches.

James W. Otis of New York, a collateral descendant of Oliver Ellsworth, was one of the distinguished guests, as were Mrs. Williston Walker, Secretary of the Connecticut Society of the Colonial Dames of America and representing that society, and Mrs. Katharine R. (Wolcott) Verplanck, who has been President of the New York Colonial Dames, as well as a State Regent for the New York Daughters of the American Revolution.

By invitation of the State Regent the following gentlemen served as a special committee to receive Governor Chamberlain and his party and other guests at Windsor, and escort them to the Homestead: Mr. Nathaniel W. Hayden, Hon. D. Ellsworth Phelps, Reverend Frederick W. Harriman, Mr. Horace H. Ellsworth and Mr. William H. Filley.

ABI HUMISTON CHAPTER

Thomaston

Organized July 8, 1897 No. 37 Members 13

Meets third Tuesday in each month, except July and August.

The Abi Humiston Chapter was organized Thursday by the State Regent, Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, with twelve charter members, at the residence of Mrs. M. L. Hassard on Elm street. The officers elected were: Regent, Mrs. M. L. Hassard; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Josephine Blakeslee; Registrar, Mrs. Julia Eastwood; Secretary, Mrs. Amelia Ray; Treasurer, Miss Lizzie Stoughton; Historian, Miss Emma Blakeslee; Board of Management, Mrs. Mary A. Wood, Miss Nellie M. Griggs, Mrs. Isabel J. Holt, Mrs. Mary Covert, Miss Ruth Pease and Miss Katie Huxford, who make the twelve members. The Historian, Miss Emma Blakeslee, read a short historical sketch of Mrs. Abi Humiston, after whom the Chapter is named. Mrs. Abi Humiston was a native of Northbury (now Thomaston). She has lineal descendants here. Her husband, Jesse Humiston, served eight months, in 1775, in the Revolutionary War. She was the daughter of Judge Blakeslee and granddaughter of Thomas Blakeslee, who was the first captain in Northbury (now Thomaston). One instance of the disapproval of the tories is thus related by her grandson: The tories had been once through the country and on the return march had foraged and stolen all the provisions they could, taking all of Mrs. Humiston's supplies of meal, sausages, etc. Hearing of their second arrival she was prepared, having made sausages out of red broadcloth and turnips and greased the outside of the bags. She hung the beautiful sausages on a stick to dry, as they did in those days. She had warning of the approach of the tories for she could hear them when they crossed the old gate bridge, which spanned the Naugatuck River. They visited her and of course grabbed the sausage bags, she begging them to leave her some, which of course they would not do. She said she would like to be around when they cooked them as she thought they would have to grease the frying pan pretty well. Abi Humiston, when speaking

The Regents of Abi Humiston Chapter were: Mrs. Mary L. Hassard, 1897-01; Mrs. A. E. Blakeslee, 1901-05; Mrs. Rodolph Beardslee, 1905-07; Miss Edith Sutliffe, 1907-10; Miss Frances Emeline Blakeslee, 1910-14; Miss Ellen S. Langdon, 1914-19; Mrs. Harry B. Taylor, 1919-22; Mrs. Maybelle Rouse, 1922-24;

Mrs. Alfred Barbarette, 1924-26; Mrs. Maybelle Rouse, 1926-.

of the British, called them "those durned tories."

Mrs. Mary Lela Udell Hassard, the Organizing Regent of Abi Humiston, was born August 30, 1845, in New York. She was the daughter of Elizabeth French and Alanson Udell. She was a graduate of Professor Elliott's college and a teacher in the public schools of the state of New York, married Dr. Robert Grey Hassard June 9, 1881, at Harwinton, Connecticut. Dr. Hassard was a surgeon in the U. S. Army during the Civil War. They made their home in Thomaston, Connecticut, where they lived for many years. Mrs. Hassard was a member of the Episcopal Church and Woman's Relief Corps. She passed away in Chicago, February 9, 1924.

Mrs. Mary Josephine Hart Blakeslee was born in 1846 and died in 1922. She married Augustus E. Blakeslee. One Daughter, Frances Emeline, was Secretary of the Chapter for a

number of years, and Regent for four years. Mrs. Blakeslee was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. During her Regency a loan exhibit of antiques and curios was given by the Abi Humiston Chapter, May 18, 1904, in the Opera House. A copy of the Declaration of Independence was framed and hung in the Library, May 19, 1903.

Nellie Griggs Beardsley, third Regent, was born in Chaplin, Conn. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke College. She married Rodolph E. Beardsley in 1899. They have one son, Edward Griggs Beardsley, who graduated from Worcester Tech. in 1924. Mrs. Beardsley is a member of the Congregational Church.

Miss Edith E. Sutliffe, fourth Regent, was the daughter of Bennett H. and Elizabeth (Kirk) Sutliffe, born October 10, 1875, in Thomaston. She has lived



Mrs. M. Lela Udell Hassard

in Plymouth since 1877. She had a grammar school education and graduated from New England Conservatory of Music in 1901. She taught music a number of years. She was secretary of Plymouth Fair Corporation and Superintendent of the First Congregational Sunday School for a number of years, elected a representative to the General Assembly of Connecticut in November, 1928, and treasurer of Abi Humiston Chapter for seventeen years. Twelve stones were straightened and reset in Plymouth cemetery and some in Thomaston cemetery, of Revolutionary soldiers during her term.

Ellen S. Langdon, sixth Regent, was born in Plymouth, Connecticut, January 11, 1863, and lived there most of her life. She attended school there and then went away to boarding school for a short time, after which she returned home and lived with her parents until their death. She joined the Abi Humiston Chapter March 6, 1907, and was elected vice-regent. In 1914 she was elected Regent and held that office five years and belonged to the Chapter until within the past two years when she was transferred to the Orford Parish Chapter of South

Manchester, where she is living at present.

In the Town Hall Building, Thomaston, January 22, 1919, an audience that filled the court room to overflowing was present to hear the address on "The American Army in France" by Reverend Robert E. Brown of Waterbury.

The Chapter took part in the parade Welcome Home Day, 1919. The float was drawn by oxen, the driver, Uncle Sam on the float, Betsy Ross making a flag, George Washington, women in colonial costumes and a boy and girl in

Indian dress and a woman at a spinning wheel.

Mrs. Vera Bradley Taylor, daughter of Elwyn Morse and Cora Morse, was born May 11, 1887. She has spent practically all of her life in Plymouth. Her early education was received at the Plymouth schools, later graduating from the Thomaston High School. She married Harry B. Taylor of Plymouth in 1906 and two children were born; Vance in 1907 and Vivian in 1908. Mrs. Taylor was Regent for three years and has been Secretary of the Chapter for five years.

Mrs. Maybelle Rouse was born in Thomaston, April 27, 1881, the daughter of George C. and Josephine Hosford. Her father, George Hosford, was a Civil War veteran and a Representative in General Assembly from Litchfield, Connecticut. In early life the responsibilities of the home and the care of an invalid mother devolved upon her. At the age of twenty-two she married Lucien E. Rouse of Bristol, Connecticut, who died twelve years later, leaving two sons, Edward and Wesley, eight and five years of age. Mrs. Rouse has been twice Regent of Abi Humiston Chapter and was a charter member and first President of Marshall J. Grilley Circle, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; patriotic instructor of the department of Connecticut Ladies of the G. A. R., councilor of the Girl Scouts, historian of the Thomaston Memorial Association and member of the Congregational Church. She has been interested in Achievement Club Work.

The Chapter took part in Armistice Day celebration in 1923, and the dedication of Thomaston's permanent honor roll. The chapter had a float in the parade, and the car carrying the Daughters of the American Revolution drew much applause along the line of march. The members were all attired in colonial costumes. Those taking part were: Mrs. Maybelle Rouse, Mrs. Rodolph Beardslee, Miss Edith Sutliffe, Mrs. Harry Taylor, Miss Emma Blakeslee and Mrs. R. P.

Barbarette. Harry Taylor was the driver.

Mrs. Ruth P. Barbarette, ninth Regent, was born in Thomaston, the daughter of Dr. Byron U. Pease, who was a surgeon in the Civil War. Mrs. Barbarette is a graduate of Emerson College, Boston. She is a resident of Roslindale, a suburb of Boston, and at present a member of Mary Draper Chapter of West Roxbury. She is a charter member of the Marshall J. Grille Circle and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

ABIGAIL PHELPS CHAPTER

Simsbury

Organized November 11, 1893 No. 13

Members 76

Meets last Saturday in January, March, May, September and November.

Abigail Pettibone Phelps, for whom the Simsbury Chapter was named, was the granddaughter of John Pettibone, founder of the Pettibone family in America and one of the first to whom land was granted in Simsbury. She was born on April 22, 1706 and died October 17, 1787. The Pettibones were a brave and loyal family; seventeen Pettibones from Simsbury alone served in the war of the Revolution.

Tradition says that Abigail was a stately woman, beautiful of face and gracious in manners, brave and gentle, a typical lady of Colonial times. She



Mrs. Julia Mather Croft



Mrs. George C. Eno

married Lieutenant David Phelps who distinguished himself in the Colonial Wars; they had seven daughters and three sons, David, Elisha, and Noah, all distinguished officers in the War of the Revolution.

Captain David Phelps, the eldest son, enlisted in June, 1776, as Second Lieutenant and was soon promoted to First Lieutenant. In 1779 he was com-

missioned Captain of the 18th Connecticut Militia.

Among the notable descendants of Captain David Phelps was Hon. William Walter Phelps, Minister to Austria in 1881 and to Germany from 1889 to 1892, who had a brilliant and successful career as a scholar, financier and statesman.

Captain Elisha Phelps, the second son of Lieutenant David and Abigail Phelps, accompanied his brother Noah on the Ticonderoga expedition. On June 8, 1775 he was appointed by Governor Trumbull Deputy Commissary for the Connecticut troops in the Northern Department and he continued in service under Generals Schuyler and Montgomery through the year. He died July 14, 1776, at Albany.

The Connecticut State Regent, (1928) Miss Katharine Nettleton, is a descend-

ant of his.

General Noah Phelps, the youngest son of David and Abigail Phelps was born in Simsbury on January 22, 1740. He possessed remarkable physical strength and a strong character. He was first commissioned Lieutenant of the Simsbury Train Band in October, 1771; Captain of Troop of Horse in the Connecticut 18th Regiment in November, 1774; Lieutenant Colonel of 18th Regiment in June, 1778, Colonel in 1779, Brigadier General of the Connecticut Militia in November, 1792 and Major General in October, 1796.

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Noah Phelps gave freely of his wealth and repeatedly risked his life in the service of his country. His first famous exploit was in 1775, when he entered Fort Ticonderoga as a spy. "Captain Phelps, pretending that his object was to get shaved, entered the Fort and succeeded in avoiding suspicion until he had gained the desired information. The boatman, however, who rowed him across Lake Champlain, for some reason suspected him and attempted to take him back to the Fort, but was prevented by the superior strength of his passenger." There is no doubt that it was largely due to the shrewdness and bravery of Captain



MRS. GEORGE BROUGHTON WOOD

Noah Phelps that Ethan Allen was able to surprise and capture the fort without loss of life.

He died in Simsbury on March 4, 1809. His epitaph reads 'A Patriot of '76;

to such we are indebted for our national independence."

General Noah Phelps and his wife, Lydia Griswold, were the ancestors of many notable men and women. One of their sons, Hon. Elisha Phelps, a graduate of Yale College, was an eminent lawyer from 1805 to 1847. He was several times a member of the State House of Representatives and the State Senate, and a member of Congress for three terms. One of the most beautiful residences in Simsbury was built by him and is now (1928) the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood, who was Regent of the Abigail Phelps Chapter from September, 1896 to May, 1902 and has since been the Honorary Regent.

The Hon. Gifford Pinchot, great-grandson of Elisha Phelps, was born in this house. Mr. Pinchot was Forester and Chief of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, from 1898 to 1910 and Governor of Pennsyl-

vania from 1923 to 1927.

John S. Phelps, a son of Elisha and grandson of General Noah Phelps, was a brilliant and distinguished lawyer; he removed to Missouri early in life and represented his state in Congress from 1845 to 1861. He was appointed War Governor of Arkansas in 1862 and was later elected Governor of Missouri. In 1864 Congress appropriated \$20,000 to Colonel Phelps for his services in caring for wounded Union Soldiers and burying those killed at the Battle of Wilson's Creek in 1861.

These are but a few of the notable descendants of Abigail Phelps who have served their country well and faithfully. As many members of the Chapter were her descendants it seemed most fitting to name it for her. No woman could desire a nobler monument than the record of her children and her children's

children unto the third and fourth generation.

The Abigail Phelps Chapter was organized November 11, 1893. Mrs. Julia

Mather Croft, O'rganizing Regent.

Charter Members: Mrs. Julia Mather Croft, (Rev. Chas. P.) Organizing Regent; Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood (Chas. B.) Regent, Honorary Regent, Director of the Ellsworth Memorial Association for three years, Continental Hall Committee; Mrs. John C. Edmund Humphrey; Miss Mary Helen Humphrey, Historian; Mrs. Nellie Goodrich Eno (George Chester) Treasurer, Vice-Regent, Regent, State Councillor, Member Nominating Committee for State Officers, Pension Rolls Committee, National Conservation Committee, Children and Sons of the Republic; Mrs. Martha Goodrich Eno (Chauncey Hart) Registrar; Mrs. Harriette Phelps Eno (Aaron L.); Mrs. Mary Phelps Ensign (Joseph R.) Secretary, Treasurer; Miss Mary Cordelia Eno, Vice-Regent; Mrs. Frances Eno Welch (Peter A.); Mrs. Juliette Goodrich McLean (Senator George P.) Pension Rolls Committee, National Conservation Committee; Mrs. Susan Ensign Morse (Rev. W. Inglis); Mrs. Mary Seymour Toy (Rev. Joseph Toy) Vice-Regent; Mrs. Susan Monroe Stowe (Rev. Chas. E.); Mrs. Mary Phelps Robbins (Horace Wolcott); Miss Mary Winslow, Registrar, Secretary, Historian.

EVENTS OF EACH REGENCY

Mrs. Julia Mather Croft, Regent November 11, 1893 to September 19, 1896. It was through Mrs. Croft's interest and enthusiasm that the Abigail Phelps Chapter was formed, the thirteenth to be organized in Connecticut, and the seventy-sixth in the United States. The Charter, dated May 8, 1894, was framed in wood from the old Charter Oak tree in Hartford, a gift from Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood. During her Regency Mrs. Croft built up a strong organization which has continued to the present day. The work of cleaning and re-lettering the old stones in the Hopmeadow cemetery was started, and the Chapter also made it a custom to place on Memorial Day, D. A. R. flags on the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers.

Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood, Regent, September 19, 1896 to May 31, 1902. Honorary Regent May 31, 1902 to date. The Chapter continued its interesting meetings and, owing largely to Mrs. Wood's generosity gave nearly \$4,000 for relief work during the Spanish American War and paid for a surgical nurse known as the Abigail Phelps' nurse. It made and sent over a thousand articles to soldiers at the front and in the hospitals. Mrs. Wood paid for a course of

four historical lectures to which all the town were invited, the speakers were Dr. Edwin Parker, Mr. Louis H. Cornish of Hartford, and Mr. William W. Ellsworth of New York. The care of Revolutionary graves was continued. Two Real Daughters joined, Miss Mahala Terry and Mrs. Selina Fowler Belden (Mrs. Horace Belden). Both their fathers and grandfathers were in the war.

Mrs. Nellie Goodrich Eno, Regent, May 31, 1902 and present Regent (1928) also Acting Regent during Mrs. Wood's Regency. Under Mrs. Eno's able guidance the Chapter has an enviable record. Its members have been chosen to fill important positions upon both State and National Committees: Mrs. James Pinchot, Chairman, Mrs. George P. McLean and Mrs. George Eno, members of the National Conservation Committee. Mrs. George Eno on Committee of Children and Sons of the Republic, Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood on Continental Hall Committee. Mrs. Alice Eno Cole, Page at Continental Congress in 1912. Mrs. Cole and the other Page from Connecticut unveiled the bust of Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth which was presented to Continental Hall that year. Under the State, Mrs. George Eno and Mrs. George P. McLean were members of the Committee which successfully petitioned the Connecticut Legislature for a sum of money to copy the Pension Rolls of Revolutionary soldiers. Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood and Mrs. Abigail Eno Ellsworth were Directors of the Ellsworth Memorial Association for three years each. Mrs. Charlotte Phelps Crofut was State Consulting Registrar for nine years, Mrs. George Eno on Nominating

Committee for State Officers.

In 1907 the old Bushy Hill Cemetery was cleaned up and a fence built around The Chapter continued its restoration of old stones in Hopmeadow cemetery and placed permanent markers on all Revolutionary soldiers' graves. Contributed books to National Library pertaining to town history. The Chapter has always been interested in Educational work, and it gives a prize each year for a spelling match at the local grammar school; it has given several scholarships to the American International College at Springfield, Mass., and to the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield, Conn. It assisted a town boy through Wesleyan College and contributed to various other schools and colleges. The Chapter has published a cook book and is soon to publish Dr. Barber's "History of Simsbury," a most valuable and important historical document. During the World War it organized a Red Cross Chapter which did splendid work in making hospital supplies from 1915 on. Mrs. Antoinette E. Wood gave the use of a house for this work. One of our members, Mrs. Florence Eno Graves, was a volunteer nurse in France at the outbreak of the war in August, 1914. Another member, Mrs. Abigail Eno Ellsworth, was Hostess at the Officers' House in Hoboken in 1918. The Chapter supported a French orphan during the war. The Chapter has always responded generously to every worthy appeal; the first money given for the Continental Hall was given through the Abigail Phelps Chapter by Mrs. Antoinette E. Wood, in addition the Chapter has the record of over-subscribing on many occasions, its quota. It contributed freely to Constitution Hall by gifts and purchase of Bonds and paid for seven chairs in the Hall which were named for four State Regents and three Chapter Regents: Mrs. Randolph D. Keim, Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Buel, Mrs. Eva V. Bissell, Mrs. Julia Mather Croft, Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood and Mrs. Nellie Goodrich Eno. It has placed the names of thirty-four deceased members on the Memory Book at the Ellsworth Home in Windsor. The first contribution to the Ellsworth Home Endowment Fund, a sum of \$750, was given by Mr. L. S. Ellsworth of Simsbury and Judge John Ellsworth of California through the Abigail Phelps Chapter. An active Historical Society was organized in 1912 through the efforts of the Chapter.

The meeting of Regents and Delegates for the 15th Continental Congress was held in Simsbury, the Chapter has many times had the pleasure of entertaining State Officers, and has also entertained Mrs. Minor while she was President General. Ever since organization the Chapter has by its program of interesting and instructive meetings and social gatherings kept up the interest and loyalty

of its members and is continually adding new members.

BIOGRAPHY OF REGENTS

Mrs. Julia Mather Croft, the first Regent of the Abigail Phelps Chapter was born in Simsbury August 26, 1833, and died there May 30, 1911. She was a grand-

daughter of General Noah Phelps of Revolutionary fame, and great-granddaughter of Abigail Pettibone Phelps for whom the Chapter was named. She was married in April, 1871, to Rev. Charles P. Croft and for a short time lived in Terre Haute, Indiana, returned to Weatogue, in Simsbury, and passed the rest of her life there. Mrs. Croft had a genius for friendship and through her long life was beloved by young and old alike. Though for many years she was an invalid, she maintained an active interest in the Chapter and one of the pleasantest events of the year was the reception she gave the Daughters and their friends. Mr. Croft kept up

this custom after her death until his own death in 1921. Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood, the second Regent, was born January 20, 1842, daughter of Amos Richards Eno and Lucy Jane Phelps, great grand-daughter of General Noah Phelps and great, great grand-daughter of Abigail Pettibone Phelps. She married Charles Boughton Wood who died May 13, 1889. Her summer home has always been in Simsbury and her winter home in New York until 1912, when she moved to Washington, D. C., where she is a prominent and important figure in the social life of the Capital. Mrs. Wood has been an extensive traveler, meeting most of the interesting and prominent people both at home and abroad in the last sixty years. She was presented at the Court of Napoleon III and Empress Eugenie of France, and at the Court of St. James in 1904. Mrs. Wood is a woman of remarkable strength of character, one of her outstanding characteristics being loyalty to friends, and their names are legion. She is a member of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames, was one of the first Directors of Ellsworth Memorial Association, has been a member of Continental Hall Committee and gave most generously to its building fund. One of the pleasantest events of Continental Congress week, to the Connecticut Daughters, is the reception that Mrs. Wood has given for them each year since 1912.

Mrs. Nellie Goodrich Eno, the third Regent, was born January 22, 1855, daughter of Captain Lucius Goodwin Goodrich and Martha Abigail Ensign. She married George Chester Eno on November 7, 1878 and has lived all her life in Simsbury. Mrs. Eno has been Regent of the Abigail Phelps Chapter since May, 1902. By her energy and unfailing interest in all that pertains to historical work she has kept the members imbued with her ideals, and the Chapter has always been most active in all good works. Mrs. Eno is descended from the oldest Colonial families, among them are the Pynchons, Allyns, Wadsworths, Lords and Whitings. She is a member of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames,

and Founders and Patriots of America.

ABIGAIL WOLCOTT ELLSWORTH CHAPTER

Windsor

Organized December 8, 1894 No. 25

Members 98

Meets third Tuesday in the month, October to June, inclusive.

The name of the Chapter, Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth, is that of the wife of Oliver Ellsworth, the third Chief Justice of the United States, whose home was the Ellsworth Homestead now the property of the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution.

Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter was organized on December 8, 1894, at the home of the late Mrs. Newton S. Bell of Maple avenue, who was its first Regent. Only three of the charter members still belong to the Chapter, Mrs. Nathaniel W. Hayden, Miss Jennie Loomis, Mrs. Burton Loomis. In its thirty-three years of existence the Chapter has had but four Regents, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Lucien Loomis, Miss Jennie Loomis and Miss Mary C. Welch. Mrs. Walter Loomis was another charter member who served the Chapter as Secretary and Vice-Regent, and whose heart and hands were always ready to further any work of the Chapter. The earliest effort of importance locally was the placing of a boulder on the "Island" to mark the first English settlement in Connecticut. Later a tablet was placed on the grammar school dedicating it to Roger Ludlow, the famous jurist who was among the first settlers at Windsor, and who is noted as the framer of the Fundamental Orders.

At the beginning of the World War a committee from the Chapter was appointed to look after Red Cross work in Windsor. The Chapter bought two Liberty Bonds which were afterwards given to the endowment fund of the

Ellsworth Homestead.

For many years prizes were offered to the High School pupil writing the best essay on a historical subject, and a sum of money was given each year to help a worthy Windsor boy or girl toward a higher education. During the past few seasons the local work, like that of the National Society, has turned toward Americanism, and large boxes of materials are sent to Ellis Island, and money



Mrs. Mary Hatch Bell



Mrs. Abbie Marcy Loomis

contributed to the American International College at Springfield, Mass. for scholarships has also been sent to Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn.

The Chapter Registrar, with the help of an efficient committee has completed the copying of all the inscriptions on the stones of Windsor's five cemeteries. These inscriptions are being printed. Almost every year the Chapter plants one or more trees on Windsor Green, gradually replacing those which have to come down, thus hoping to conserve the beauty of the civic center of our town. Aside from this local work the Chapter has kept up its share of state and national work, met all assessments, bought three acres of land in the People's Forest, loaned \$1,400 for the Constitutional Hall, and one of its generous members has bought a chair in the hall in the name of Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth, dedicated to the first English settlement in Connecticut. Another chair has been bought in the name of Miss Jennie Loomis, our State Treasurer.

First Regent, Mrs. Newton S. Bell, December 8, 1894 to December 5, 1896. Mrs. Bell was active in organizing the Chapter. Many of the first meetings were

held at her home.

Second Regent, Mrs. Lucien B. Loomis, December 5, 1896 to June, 15, 1903. During her administration, the stone marking the site of the first English settlement in Connecticut, was placed and dedicated.

Third Regent, Miss Jennie Loomis, June 15, 1903 to May 18, 1926. The important events of her administration are contained in the summary of the

Chapter work. Miss Loomis is now State Treasurer.

Fourth Regent, Miss Mary Welch, May 18, 1926. Miss Welch's work has been to carry on scholarship work already in effect, to contribute a considerable sum to a War Memorial erected by Windsor citizens, to be placed on Windsor Green and dedicated to local soldiers in all wars, to have the cemeteries' records printed, and to help in restoring an old "Burying Ground."

Real Daughter, Miss Anna Maria Benton, our only "real daughter," died May 11, 1898, 101 years old. In May, 1922, a "Real Daughter" tablet was placed on the stone in the cemetery under Miss Benton's name.

Charter Members: Mrs. Mary Hatch Bell, Miss Anna Maria Benton, Miss Mabel Cobb, Mrs. Julia Dexter Coffin, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Ellsworth, Mrs. Laura Fowler Ellsworth, Mrs. Lucretia Hayden Harvey, Mrs. Alice Welch Hayden, Miss Carrie Phelps Hollister, Mrs. Louisa Loomis Hubbard, Mrs. Abbie Marcy Loomis, Mrs. Elizabeth Benton Loomis, Mrs. Annie Hubbard Loomis, Mrs. Eunice Newberry Loomis, Miss Jennie Loomis, Miss Louisa H. Osborne, Mrs. Ellen Ellsworth Phelps, Mrs. Lucy A. Phelps, Miss Maria Phelps, Mrs. Sarah Hayden Power, Miss Mary Power, Miss Mary Webb.

First Regent: Mary Elizabeth Hatch, wife of Dr. Newton S. Bell, born in Blandford, Mass., daughter of Walter S. Hatch and Mercy Belden. Regent, December 8, 1894 to December 5, 1896. Member of Congregational Church, Windsor.

Second Regent: Abbie H. Marcy, wife of Lucien B. Loomis, born in Ashford, Conn., daughter of Reuben Marcy and Clarissa Freeman. Regent, December 5, 1896 to June 15, 1903. Member of Congregational Church, Windsor.



Miss Jennie Loomis



Mary C. Welch

Third Regent: Jennie Loomis, born in Windsor, Conn., daughter of Thomas Warham Loomis and Jennie Cooke. Regent, June 15, 1903 to May 18, 1926. State Treasurer, member of Grace Episcopal Church, Windsor, Secretary of Mayflower Society, member of Colonial Dames, Board of Women's Auxiliaries, Chairman of Finance Committee of Girls' Friendly Society, graduate of Wellesley College, member of Hartford Wellesley Club, Hartford College Club, American Association of University Women, and one of the Trustees of Loomis Institute.

Fourth Regent: Mary C. Welch, born in Windsor, Conn., daughter of Moses Cook Welch and Sarah Dwight Mills. Regent, May 18, 1926. Member of First Congregational Church, Hartford, Daughters of the Colonists.

ANNA WARNER BAILEY CHAPTER

Groton and Stonington

Organized September 13, 1893 No. 11

Members 111

Meets second Thursday in each month, except July and August.

In response to a call for help in organizing Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Cuthbert Harrison Slocomb sent out letters of invitatation to ladies eligible to form a Chapter in Groton and Stonington. This Chapter was duly formed and called the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter in honor of Groton's distinguished patriot woman of Revolutionary fame. The first meeting of the Chapter was held September 13, 1893, at Mrs. Slocomb's beautiful home in Groton. There were fourteen ladies present at this first meeting. Mrs. Slocomb was appointed Regent by the National Board at Washington.

The other officers were: Mrs. Eugene L. Baker, Registrar; Miss Grace D. Wheeler, Vice-Registrar; Miss Julia Avery, Secretary; Miss Sarah H. Morgan, Treasurer. The Board of Management was: Mrs. Daniel Morgan, Mrs. Frederic Bill and Mrs. Belton A. Copp. The sixteen charter members were: Mrs. C. H. Slocomb, Miss Grace D. Wheeler, Mrs. Isaac P. Bouse, Miss Sarah H. Morgan, Mrs. John O. Spicer, Mrs. Eugene L. Baker, Mrs. Henry H. Stoddard, Mrs. Elisha Thomas, Mrs. Frederic Bill, Miss Mary C. Avery, Miss Cora Avery, Miss Buelah Starkey, Mrs. N. S. Fish.

Interest in the new Chapter grew rapidly and by the end of the first year there were 103 members. Three years later there were 150 members and seven real daughters of Revolutionary heroes had been found and presented with the

gold spoon from the National Society at Washington.

Mrs. Cuthbert H. Slocomb worked long and arduously for the attainment of patriotic ends during her regency. Through her appeals to Congressman Charles Russell, an approach to United States authorities regarding the grounds of Fort Griswold and the Monument House, the General Assembly made us custodians of the Monument House, later granting three hundred dollars a year

for care and repairs. Soon after this matter of proper care and attention for the Monument House was settled the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter sent between 150 and 160 petitions to Congress, asking for the consecrated soil which rightfully belonged to Fort Griswold's battle ground, lying directly east which was later incorporated into the grounds of the old redoubt by the United States government.

On the sixth of September, 1894, the 113th anniversary of the Battle of Groton Heights, the keys of the Monument House were given over to the Regent and the house was formally opened to the public. In June, 1895, Mrs. Slocomb was chosen chairman of the Chapter Committee and promoter of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution and six local societies in New London County and one in Louisiana were formed under her guidance. A great deal of commendable work was done by these children and their capable Tablets were placed by them on historic houses and objects. In 1896 Mrs. Slocomb was chairman of the National Hymn Committee and made an address at the Continental Congress in Washington on this subject. When Mrs. Slocomb found need of a flag for decorative purposes she was informed that there was no Connecticut state flag established by law. There were thirty-five different designs in existence which had been used as the banners of different Connecticut troops but no one flag known as the state flag. Our Chapter submitted several designs to the General Assembly for a legalized state flag. One was approved. It is made of blue bunting, with the shield in white, bordered in silver and gold with the old Colonial seal of three clinging grape vines, said to be symbolic of religion, liberty and knowledge. Beneath the shield bordered with gold, we read our state motto, "Qui Transtulit Sustinet." "He who hath transplanted will sustain." This flag became the official state flag and on August 12, 1897, it was presented by our Chapter to Governor L. A. Cooke at the Capitol at Hartford. It was hoisted to the peak of the Capitol's dome, where it was saluted by the firing of thirteen guns.

The Anna Warner Bailey Chapter was requested to forward a report on its work on the Monument House and the state flag to the Smithsonian Institute. This was the first report including D. A. R. work published at the expense of the government. In 1899 the Chapter felt that an annex to the Monument House was necessary and plans were made for an addition which was to be called Memorial Annex in memory of our heroic dead of the Spanish American War. Mrs. Slocomb made many appeals to Congress to secure the protection and adornment of the old fort. At last the old battlefield was converted into a memorial park owned by the State of Connecticut with our Chapter as caretaker. All the guns, eleven cannon and projectiles and 2,000 cannon balls were donated to this Chapter by the Secretary of War to decorate the park. About this time our Regent, Mrs. Slocomb, was appointed a member of the site committee, regarding the proposed Continental Hall to be built at Washington, D. C., and she had

the honor of selecting the accepted location.

In 1903, Mrs. Slocomb resigned as Regent and Mrs. Clara B. Whitman was elected to the office. During Mrs. Whitman's term of office the arduous task of raising the necessary \$8,000 for the annex was brought to a successful termination. The Children of the American Revolution gave \$1,000 besides the Jonathan Brooks window which was given by the New London G. A. R. Society. In October, 1906, Mrs. Whitman announced to the Chapter that Mr. Morton F. Plant had presented the Chapter with \$2,000. This magnanimous gift was entirely spontaneous and unsolicited. The Chapter was very grateful for it completed the necessary \$8,000 needed for the annex. Our Annex was opened June 28, 1907. Every member of the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter feels a deep and satisfying sense of pride when she enters this interesting building, filled with relics of the past. Mrs. Whitman was obliged to resign as Regent because of ill health in 1909. resolutions placed on record show plainly the high esteem in which Mrs. Whitman is held by the members of the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter for her "energy, wisdom and executive ability it is impossible to overestimate, for under her direction the Chapter has achieved more in the way of material accomplishments in a short time than it had dared to hope for only after years of effort."

Mrs. E. L. Baker became Acting Regent upon the resignation of Mrs. Whitman. Mrs. Baker served the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter faithfully until her death in 1910. Mrs. Baker possessed a sweet and beautiful character, moving among her associates in the work of the Chapter with a gracious and loving

manner which endeared her to all who came in contact with her. She was a charter member of the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter. A memorial service was held for Mrs. Baker at the Monument House, August 4, 1910. The meeting was presided over by Miss Addie A. Thomas, the Vice-Regent. Resolutions of sympathy were read by Mrs. Frederic Bill, papers written by the historian, Mrs. Orson Rogers, and by Mrs. John O. Spicer a charter member, and by Miss Julia Copp, a friend from childhood, each speaking of the beautiful life and character of Mrs. E. L. Baker.

Miss Addie Thomas completed Mrs. Baker's term and was elected Regent in 1911. During Miss Thomas' regency the Memorial Gates were dedicated and Slocum Terrace and the land about the Fort presented to the state. Our Chapter had the honor of entertaining Governor Woodruff and other distinguished guests at a luncheon at the Griswold Hotel. The members of the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter held open house at the Monument House, September 6, 1911, following their usual custom and hundreds of people visited our interesting building. On September 6, 1912, President William A. Taft was in Groton and thousands of people thronged the fort to listen to his address. On September 7, 1914, Mr. Richard Pierson of Albany, New York, presented the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter a Memorial Window in memory of his great, great, grandfather, Rev. Aaron Kinne, chaplain of our troops at the time of the Battle of Groton Heights, September 6, 1781. The twenty-first birthday of the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter was celebrated during Miss Thomas' regency by a pilgrimage to Boxwood Manor, Old Lyme, September 13, 1914. Considerable work of a strictly historical nature was accomplished during these years. Restoration of some of the ancient stones in the old Avery Morgan Cemetery at Poquonuoct Bridge was carried to a completion by a committee with Miss Thomas as chairman. Many historical papers were written locating and describing homes of the defenders of Fort Griswold. The Chapter was indebted to Mrs. John O. Spicer and to Miss Elizabeth Avery for several valuable papers on these early homes.

Mrs. Belton Copp was elected Regent in 1915. The great World War was shaking the world and our members began to take an interest in Red Cross work. During the Red Cross drive \$1,500 was raised by the members of this Chapter and their families. Five French orphans were adopted by the Chapter and members. Money was raised for the Belgian Relief Fund and for the restoration of a French village. In 1918 the Chapter held a Memorial meeting for Mrs. Cuthbert Harrison Slocomb, who was our Organizing Regent. Mrs. Belton Copp, by her gentle manner and warm cordiality endeared herself to every

member.

In 1919 Miss Betsey Larrabee was elected Regent. During the regency of Miss Larrabee, we became interested in Americanization work. Under Miss Larrabee's wise and careful guidance we pressed on toward our desired goals, interesting ourselves in various patriotic subjects. Miss Larrabee in her biennial report urged that the sum of \$500 remaining from the building fund form a nucleus for a permanent endowment for the care of the Monument House. As Miss Larrabee was about to turn over her badge of office to the incoming Regent, Mrs. Latimer expressed in a few well chosen words the great esteem in which Anna Warner Bailey Chapter holds Miss Larrabee and as tangible evidence of this esteem announced the Chapter's action of giving \$100 to the Connecticut Monument House Fund in honor of Miss Betsey A. Larrabee.

In 1923 Mrs. Frederick P. Latimer became our Regent. Under Mrs. Latimer's efficient leadership the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter carried on its various activities with the same spirit of co-operation and helpfulness that has always marked the Chapter. As State Chairman of the Ellis Island Work, Mrs. Latimer gave us many interesting facts concerning the work done by the D. A. R. at Ellis Island. Mrs. Latimer served the Chapter as Regent from 1923-1927 and

upon retiring from office was made an honorary Regent.

Mrs. Charles Vincent has successfully served the first half of her term of office, meeting the questions and problems which arise before a Regent. Under her capable regency the Chapter has pursued its regular course and fully expects to continue in the paths which have been selected for us as loyal descendants of the patriots of the past.

As we review the days and deeds of the past thirty-five years of the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter, we feel that the minds and hearts of our members have been filled with a burning zeal to so conduct our affairs that the world may know that we are worthy descendants of the noble men and women of old who gave up their best that we might be a free and independent people and "In the long vista of the years to roll, let me not see my country's honor fade; Oh! let me see our land retain its soul! Her pride in Freedom, and not Freedom's shade."

> MARY VIRGINIA MORGAN SAWYER, (Mrs. Roswell Palmer Sawyer) Historian, Anna Warner Bailey Chapter, D. A. R.

ANNE BREWSTER FANNING CHAPTER

Jewett City

Members 27 No. 35 Organized June 18, 1897

Meets second Wednesday in September, October, December, February, March, May and June.

The Anne Brewster Fanning Chapter, D. A. R., was organized at Jewett City, Connecticut, Town of Griswold, New London County, June 18, 1897, with twelve charter members, having the distinction of two real daughters who were, Mrs.

Eunice Palmer Davis and Mrs. Phoebe Palmer Ray.

On July 15, 1897 occurred the christening of the infant Chapter with Mrs. Hannah Chaplin Avery Partridge as Regent; Mrs. Eunice Palmer Davis, Vice-Regent; Miss Eliza W. Tiffany, Secretary; Mrs. Mary Fanning Olds, Treasurer; Mrs. Ida Browning Ladd, Historian; Mrs. Sophia Burnham, Registrar. In addition to the officers the other members included: Mrs. Albert Brewster, Mrs. John H. Tracy, Mrs. Harriet Stever, Mrs. Laurence Panton, Mrs. Clarke Reynolds and Miss Lucy Y. Sweet. At first the growth of this Chapter was slow but having such distinguished and enthusiastic members real work began. First a room was procured and furnished in old Colonial style, with many curios, which has been our home ever since. Recognition is always made of the birthdays of our two greatest Americans, the one who made the country and the one who saved it. This Chapter has always tried to comply with all demands from State and National organizations, including gifts to Continental Hall, Preservation of Wolf Den, Lafayette Fund Memorial to Spanish-American Soldiers at Arlington, Publication of the Guide, Connecticut College Dormitory, Belgian Relief Fund, and sums towards an ambulance for the French Red Cross, the Guernsey Scholarship and Immigrant Manual.

A prize in History is annually given to the student ranking highest in history and is known as the Hannah Partridge Prize. Prizes in Geography have also been given at times. These prizes are given in our Jewett City Grammar School. We were one hundred per cent. for Tilloloy, and the Liberty Bond of the National Society. We have not been found wanting in possibly the foremost duty of Chapters, that is, placing of markers and memorials. The graves of our town Revolutionary Soldiers were located, and on Memorial Day in 1903, a Boulder in remembrance of these heroes was unveiled on the church green at Pachaug, Connecticut, (an old historical spot). Flags are furnished by our Chapter for our Revolutionary Soldiers graves, as well as those of the War of 1812 each year. In 1920 a tree was planted to be a living memorial to our dead, in the World War, and a marker engraved with their names was placed at its base. A World War Honor Roll may also be credited to our Chapter, also the formation of a

Red Cross Chapter in Jewett City, to which every member subscribed. Anne Brewster Fanning Chapter also contributed each year to the Ellis Island

workers, and material is sent to the immigrant women detained at the Island. We also gave our quota per capita towards one of the chimes of the 13 bells for Valley Forge, also our per capita towards the maintenance of the Ellsworth Homestead, and towards a scholarship at the American International College at Springfield, Mass. A sum to the State Bond chairman for bonds for the new Auditorium in Washington, D. C. A room was furnished at the Backus Hospital at Norwich, Connecticut, with old Colonial furniture, rugs, drapery, etc., but the bed was furnished by the Hospital. This was done at great expense, but is well worth the time and money expended for the comfort of any occupant. It is known as the Jewett City Room and patients from our town have the preference. This work was completed in June, 1926. In December, 1927, this Chapter voted to purchase one chair for our next Auditorium at Washington to be inscribed "Given in the name of the Anne Brewster Fanning Chapter, Jewett City, Connecticut."

Our present membership is twenty-seven and the following names are of the Regents who have so ably served this Chapter since its organization, with their biographical sketches of those I have been able to obtain: Mrs. Hannah Avery Martha Brewster Cook, Mrs. Eva Brown Burdick, Mrs. Lillian Ions Spicer, Mrs. Roberta Hallam Burleson has from her ancestor a letter written to him as Captain Amos Hallam at Valley Forge, autographed by General Washington. Mrs. Ĥelen Burrell Bliss whose ancestor was Colonel Charles Burril at Crown Point, appointed by General Washington. Mrs. Rose Beckwith Tracy whose ancestor, Fenner Foote of Lee, served as minute man. Miss Alice Alberta Brown whose ancestor, Stephen Bennett was in every battle with General George Washington. Gertrude Sanderson Brown, whose ancestor saw service with the Smithfield Grenadiers, and Nathaniel Mill, Jr., served under Captain Laine of the 11th Regiment, Connecticut Militia, and saw very hard service, as all the Connecticut men did, and but few survived. Mrs. Harriette Bates Kanahan, whose ancestor, Lemuel Bates, saw service under Colonel Arnold and was imprisoned at the Siege of Quebec, escaped and re-enlisted in Massachusetts under Colonel May. Elizabeth Whiting Olson whose ancestor, Captain Edmond Bliven, was taken prisoner and died on board the notorious Prison Ship Jersey. Miss Ida Isabella Foster was our Regent during the World War and saw really the hardest service of any of our Regents.

I close this summary with the sketch of our present beloved Regent and a word about her daughter, Miss Ellen Faust, who was a page at our last Continental Congress. Mrs. Maud Sweet Faust, through her mother's ancestry, is descended from Peregrine White, the first white child to be born in America. Descended on her father's side from the famous Greens of Providence, Rhode Island: Major General Nathaniel Green was a distinguished member of General Washington's army, being first aide under his command. John Green, another ancestor, was sent from Providence Colony Quakers to England as Ambassador to interview

the King on religious matters.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Brewster Fanning Chapter, D. A. R.,
MARY E. CRARY, Historian,
(Mrs. James E. Crary)
Jewett City, Connecticut.

ANNE WOOD ELDERKIN CHAPTER

Willimantic

Organized November 25, 1894

No. 22

Members 85

Meets second Tuesday in each month, from October to May, inclusive.

This Chapter was named in honor of Anne Wood, wife of Brigadier General Jedediah Elderkin of Windham. Her father, Thomas Wood, settled in Norwich, Connecticut, coming there from England in 1714. There his daughter Anne was born, grew to maturity, and married Jedediah Elderkin in 1741, removing to Windham in 1745. Colonel Eliphalet Dyer, agent for the Colony to Great Britain in 1758, brought from England the "Coat of Arms" of the Wood family. It is now in the rooms of the Long Island Historical Society in Brooklyn.

General Elderkin was fourth in line of descent from John Elderkin, one of the founders of Connecticut. He was an outstanding man of his time, both as lawyer, legislator, and patriot. Anne Wood Elderkin, his wife, was one of those worthy women, of whom New England gives us so many examples, bravely bearing the burdens and hardships of war, carrying on at home the work left so hurriedly by their patriot men, and deserving equally with their husbands and brothers the

honors due the preservers of our freedom.

"Old Windham," rich in historical associations, has not been slow to respond or participate in patriotic opportunities, and in 1894, at the call of Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim, State Regent, herself of Windham County stock, the women of Willimantic and vicinity met and organized the Anne Wood Elderkin Chapter, with Mrs. Lizzie P. F. Litchfield as Regent. Sixteen members were accepted at

Washington that year. Two "Real Daughters" have been among its members, one of whom is still living, the youngest living daughter of a Revolutionary soldier in the United States. This is Mrs. Angelina (Loring) Avery, living in Lebanon, Connecticut. Her father, Solomon Loring, enlisted in the Continental army when a boy of fourteen. On July 16, 1839, when he was seventy-four years old, his third wife, Angelina Sawyer, gave birth to a daughter Angelina, and gave her own life for the babe. This child, now Mrs. Avery, has been closely identified with the interests of Anne Wood Elderkin Chapter, and its members honor and esteem her. Another "Real Daughter," Mrs. Minerva Grant Snow, lies in the cemctery at Willington, where for many years she lived with her husband, George Bartholomew Snow, and after his death, rearing her family of six children. Mrs. Snow was a useful member of the Willington Baptist Church, later removed to Willimantic, and an active, efficient worker in the community. An appropriate marker was placed on her grave by the Chapter, and exercises suitable to the occasion were held at the cemetery. We have at this time in the Chapter, a direct descendant of General Elderkin, Mrs. Charlotte Lathrop Cook, of Windham, Connecticut.

The seventeen charter members have increased to nearly ninety at the present time, taking in residents of Windham and nearby towns. There are three Honorary Regents, Mrs. Angelina Avery, of whom we have already spoken; Mrs. Lizzie P. F. Litchfield, the first Regent, and Mrs. Isabel Webster Chappell, who has the honor of being the only one who has served three terms as Regent, and was elected

as Honorary Regent in 1927.

During the regency of Mrs. Sarah Preston Bugbee, on October 26, 1901, the Chapter unveiled and presented to the town of Windham a bronze memorial tablet "To the Honor and Glory of Our Patriotic Sires, Sons of Windham, who for Freedom and Independence Endured Hardship and Battle in the War of the American Revolution, that their Descendents might enjoy the Blessings of a Government by the People." This tablet was placed in the Town Building with

appropriate ceremonies.

The Chapter has been active and responsive to every call for special service. During the Spanish War, and again in the trying days of the World War, many of the women gave of their time in needed work for the camps and hospitals, working in co-operation with the Red Cross and other welfare organizations. Liberty bonds were liberally subscribed for by members of the Chapter; about \$2,000 in bonds for Memorial Continental Hall were purchased, \$600 of which was made a gift to the Chapter by three of its members. Two chairs in Continental Hall were presented by Mr. E. Frank Bugbee in memory of his mother, Sarah Preston Bugbee, and his wife, Alice Johnson Bugbee, both former Regents of the Chapter. Notable among the achievements of Anne Wood Elderkin Chapter have been different activities connected with the work of the schools. Flags have been presented in Willimantic schools; prizes offered for essay work done by the schools of the town; and especially interesting, the enthusiasm created among those of foreign extraction in the night school of Willimantic.

At least once during the year some kind of meeting has been planned in conjunction with other neighboring Chapters. Recently at a joint meeting with the Danielson and Putnam Chapters we visited the Old Inn in Brooklyn, now owned by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, where papers were given on Old Homes of Brooklyn, and also on Israel Putnam, whose tomb and statue are on the grounds of the Inn. In 1924 a tablet was placed on a boulder at the "Frog Pond" in Windham, the scene of one of the many interesting legends connected with the

The present Regent, Mrs. Carrie Smith Larrabee, is serving for a second term, and has given much of her time and thought to the Chapter's interests.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA G. POTTER, Historian.

COLONEL HENRY CHAMPION CHAPTER

Colchester

Organized October 30, 1920 No. 51 Members 47
Meets second Wednesday in each month except December and February.

The first meeting at which the organization in Colchester of a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was seriously considered, took place at the home of Mrs. Henry J. Bailey, August 20, 1920. About thirty were present and listened to informal addresses of Mrs. George Maynard Minor of Waterford, Conn., President General, and by Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel, State Regent. A committee appointed for the purpose named as Organizing Regent Mrs. Robert

S. Brown (Susan Carrier Brown).

At a second meeting held October 29, 1920, at Mrs. Bailey's, Mrs. Buel was again present and with Mrs. Brown, organized a Chapter with thirteen members. These members were: Mrs. Robert S. Brown, Mrs. C. H. Norton, Mrs. Jennie S. Plumb, Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. John Riley, Mrs. Albert VanCleve, Mrs. Frank E. Clark, Miss Elizabeth E. Bigelow, Miss Sarah W. Bigelow, Miss Ruth Brown, Miss Anna W. Avery, Miss Matilda L. Avery, Mrs. Henry J. Bailey. Officers elected were: Mrs. Robert S. Brown, Regent; Miss Elizabeth B. Bigelow, Vice-Regent; Miss Ruth H. Brown, Treasurer; Mrs. Henry J. Bailey, Secretary; Mrs. C. H. Norton, Registrar; Miss Anna W. Avery, Historian. It was decided to hold meetings the second Wednesday of each month except through December and February. It was also decided to name the Chapter in honor of Colonel Henry Champion, a Revolutionary officer and a native of Colchester.

The Chapter has had three Regents, Mrs. Robert S. Brown, 1920-1924; Mrs. Frank E. Clark, 1924-1927, and Mrs. Frederick Bock, 1927-1930, the last named

being the present Regent.

An important event in the Chapter history was the gift in 1925, from Mrs. Frederick Bock, of the Nathaniel Foote house for a Chapter House. This tiny story and a half building which was located on the Colchester property purchased by the Bock family in 1896 is known as the first house built in Colchester (1702). It was planned as the residence of Nathaniel Foote, one of the original settlers, he having been appointed to buy from the Mohegan Indians the tract of land now known as Colchester. This name was given by some of the settlers who came from Colchester, England. The deal was in 1699, but it was 1702 before settlement was begun, Mr. Foote dying in Wethersfield before the completion of his house which was occupied by his widow, Abigail Foote, and her four children. The little building was afterwards moved from its first location to a fork of the military road from Hartford to New London, and from there, after being presented by Mrs. Bock, to its present location on land given by the Hon. E. M. Day of Hartford, a native of Colchester, who gave generous financial assistance.

The Chapter is also greatly indebted to Miss Elizabeth Bigelow, who personally superintended the fitting up of the interior of the Chapter House with panelings secured from an old house in Marlborough used as a hen house. A corner

cupboard from the same building, in which the hens roosted, was also salvaged and is one of the attractions of the Chapter House. Very interesting features are the heavy outside door with its double cross paneling, its great iron latch, and the H. L. hinges on all doors, designed to ward off witches. The house is now used as a local museum, many antique treasures having been presented to the Chapter. A fund has been created by the direct descendants of Nathaniel Foote, part of which was used in the placing of a stone fireplace taken from the house from which the panelings came, the stones being marked and placed in exact position. The house bears on its exterior a bronze plate cast in the Brooklyn Navy Yard from bronze salvaged from a man-of-war then in the yard. The plate is oval with thirteen white stars on a blue field and the date, 1702. This was added to the building in 1898.





Mrs. Robert S. Brown

Work done by the Chapter includes care of the Colonel Henry Champion grave and plot in Westchester (Colchester), the restoring of the old cemetery at Colchester Center, with financial aid from the Hon. E. M. Day, previously mentioned, the placing of fifty markers on the graves of Revolutionary

soldiers, besides the restoring and moving of the Foote Chapter House.

Prizes in history have been given in the schools, and silk flags presented to graduates of night school. Exhibits of silver and pewter have been given, a shawl pageant was given in the Bigelow garden, historical talks have been given at the Chapter House to pupils from the grade schools, and the Chapter has joined in memorial exercises with the American Legion. Financial aid has been given by the Chapter to many worthy objects, as Ellis Island, Blue Mountain School, Berea School, etc. The Chapter is in a flourishing condition, its monthly meetings are well attended and it has members from East Hampton, Hebron, and Westchester, as well as from Colchester.

BIOGRAPHIES OF REGENTS

Mrs. Susan Carrier Brown (Mrs. Robert S.) was the daughter of Demas Carrier and Roxy E. Staples Carrier of North Westchester (town of Colchester). Mrs. Brown was educated in the district school, Westchester Day High School, and Wilbraham Academy, Wilbraham, Mass. She married Robert S. Brown of Hebron to whom five children were born: LeRoy C., Atta M., Harriet B., Burton R., and Helen A. Mrs. Brown has always been a resident of her native town with exception of three years when the family lived in South Coventry. She is a member of the Westchester Congregational Church. Mrs. Brown's Revolutionary ancestor was Captain William Brainerd of Westchester. She was Organizing Regent of the Colonel Henry Champion Chapter of the D. A. R., Colchester, and held the office of Regent for the first three years. She now holds the office

of Secretary.

Mrs. Olive Adella (Hills) Clark (Mrs. Frank E.) was born in East Hampton, Conn., the daughter of Claudius L. Hills, a descendant of William Hills, one of the first settlers of Hartford, and his wife, Olive S. Pease of South Glastonbury, whose maternal ancestors were of Rehoboth, Mass., and of Plainfield, Conn. She was married, April, 1876, to Frank Elisha Clark, a descendant of Daniel Clark of Windsor, who came there with Windsor's first settlers. Mrs. Clark joined the N. S. D. A. R. in 1902 and was made a member of Wadsworth Chapter of Middletown. In October, 1920, she was one of the charter members of Colonel Henry Champion Chapter of Colchester. She has served the Chapter one year as Secretary, and Historian, and three terms as Regent. Located forty Revolutionary soldiers' graves in East Hampton cemeteries and ten in the old burial ground at Colchester. Made out the fifty application papers to the S. A. R., giving the proofs of their service, location of their graves and copies of the inscriptions on the headstones. Author of booklet, "Legend of Lake Pocotopaug," a poem which was read at a meeting held with one of the members of the Society at Lake Pocotopaug, as a part of the program, being composed for the occasion.

Mrs. Alice Price Adams Bock (Mrs. Frederick) was born at Norwich, Conn., and is a descendant of Henry Adams who came to this country in 1632, being of the same line as Samuel Adams, and the two presidents of the United States, John Adams and John Quincy Adams. In her youth Mrs. Bock was possessed of a voice of unusual range and beauty and was a favorite church and concert singer. She became the wife of Frederick Bock, of Brooklyn, New York, to whom five children were born. She presented to the Colonel Henry Champion Chapter the Nathaniel Foote house for a Chapter House. She spends most of her time in Colchester but retains her residence in Brooklyn. She has been Regent of

the Chapter for the past two years and will serve another year.

COMPO HILL CHAPTER

Westport

Organized June 4, 1928

No. 54

Members 23

Meets second Friday of each month.

The Regent, Mrs. John William Fenton, received her appointment as Organizing Regent from the National Board of Management, April 14, 1928, for two years, and was able to call the Organization Meeting of the Chapter June 4, 1928.

The officers of the Chapter are: Mrs. Frederick Ruland, and Mrs. Louis H. Koster, Vice-Regents; Mrs. Bertha Bancroft Shattuck, Secretary; Mrs. Ernest Bradley, Treasurer; Miss Esther Raymond, Assistant Treasurer; Mrs. W. P. Clark, Registrar; Mrs. Rollin G. Sherwood, Historian; Mrs. D. B. Bradley, Librarian.

The charter members of the chapter are: Dorothy Ripley Adams, Elizabeth Titus Bradley (Mrs. Ernest), Grace A. Bradley (Mrs. D. B.), Ella Griffin Carpenter Disbrow (Mrs. C. H.), Florence Ivy Brown (Mrs. Samuel E.), Lois Rosilla Clark (Mrs. W. P.), Jayne M. Disbrow, Cora Thompson Farnham (Mrs. LeRoy D.), Anna Nourse Fenton (Mrs. John Wm.), Marjorie Covell Coley Gates (Rev. Edmund Jayne), Emily Dunham Hall (Mrs. Charles E.), Mary Cropsey Keppel (Mrs. Wm. Malcomson), Anne Carmichael Koster (Mrs. Louis), Virginia Park Matthias (Mrs. William), Jacqueline Minor (Mrs. Herbert Day), Henrietta Elizabeth Peffers, Esther Raymond, Leo Mabel Shattuck Van Deusen Ruland (Mrs. Frederick Davis), Florence L. Bradley Seaver (Mrs. David Walton), Bertha Bancroft Shattuck, Edith Very Sherwood (Mrs. Rollin), Lizzie Maria Pritchard Smith (Mrs. Albert Upson), Harriet Nash Wakeman (Mrs. Burritt).

The name of the Chapter commemorates the battle of the British forces and the American Patriots, April 28, 1777. The British under Tryon were repulsed by the Patriots under General David Wooster, Colonel Abraham Gould and Colonel John Lamb. This battle of Compo Hill was the chief victory in Con-

necticut during the Revolution.

The Regent, Anna Nourse Fenton, was born in Hinsdale, New York, the daughter of Nelson L. and Lavansha Look Nourse. She married John William Fenton in 1906. She is a graduate of the Mayville High School, Mayville, New York; Fredonia State Normal; Extension Chicago University. She was a teacher in the High Schools of Belmont and Cornell, New York; vice-principal at Mattawan, New Jersey; teacher in New York City. She was a resident of New Rochelle, New York, 1907-1926, and a member of New Rochelle D. A. R.; resident of Westport, 1926-29.

DEBORAH AVERY PUTNAM CHAPTER

Plainfield

Organized May 8, 1895

No. 28

Members 35

Meets last Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and December.

HISTORY OF OUR CHAPTER NAME

This eminent woman was the daughter of Samuel and Deborah (Croe) Lothrop, and was born at Norwich, Conn., January 9, 1719. On September 21, 1738, when nineteen years of age, Deborah Lothrop was married to the Rev. Ephraim Avery. To the vacant land between Pomfret and Canterbury (now Brooklyn) the Rev. Ephraim brought his young wife. In the ministry at Brooklyn they continued for sixteen years, during which time nine children were born to them, three daughters and six sons. During the year 1754 a fearful distemper raged with violence in Brooklyn, and on October 20th, the Rev. Ephraim fell a victim to the dreaded disease, leaving Deborah Avery a widow with seven children. Not long after the death of her husband Deborah Avery became the second wife of John Gardiner. Two children were born to them. John Gardiner died in 1764 and three years later Deborah Gardiner became the second wife of Israel Putnam and assumed the care of the Putnam family. Deborah Putnam had long been a leader in the social life of Windham County. She was also connected with prominent people through kinships, and many of her friendships were strong and lasting, and marriage with her established Israel Putnam's social position. They moved from Putnam's home to the Avery estate in Brooklyn, and

opened their house as an Inn. Miss Larned, the historian says, "That Brooklyn Tavern with Putnam for its landlord and Mrs. Avery Gardiner Putnam as Mistress, became one of the most noted gathering places in Eastern Connecticut, and witnessed many a thrilling scene of the great Revolutionary drama." Over this house Mrs. Putnam presided with dignity until her honored husband left the



Mrs. Julia M. Hill Andrews



Mrs. John C. Gallup

plow in response to the Lexington alarm. Deborah Avery Putnam followed her husband in many of his campaigns, and shared with him many of his trials and privations, as well as the glories of a soldier's life. Hers was a life of activity and she and her daughters, as well as her guests, spent much time spinning flax for the soldier's shirts. During the summer of '75 and the following winter Putnam's headquarters were in Cambridge at the home of Ralph Inman, a Tory who had fled to Boston. General and Mrs. Washington were also in Cambridge during the summer and winter of '75 and '76, and frequent visits were interchanged between these two prominent families.

Mrs. Putnam also accompanied her husband on his campaign in the Highlands of the Hudson. Perhaps the greatest sacrifice which she made for her country was the life of her promising young son, Septimus Gardiner, who was General Putnam's aide. She did not long survive her patriot son, for on October 14, 1777, Deborah Putnam died, and was buried (probably) in Colonel Beverly Robinson's family vault at the Highland on the Hudson, in the Episcopal Church

cemetery.

The Deborah Avery Putnam Chapter was thought of at Washington by the National Board, when there was but one member of the D. A. R. in Plainfield, Conn. In 1894 upon invitation of the State Regent, Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim, Mrs. Julia M. Hill Andrews became a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution at large, with a National number of 5,985. In August, 1894, Mrs. Andrews received a certificate of appointment from the National Society as Organizing Regent of the Plainfield Chapter, with all the territory she might be willing to attempt. Pioneer work is perhaps the most difficult in every cause, and in this work for the Chapter much responsibility and work came to the first D. A. R. Chapter in Plainfield. It was not until May 1, 1895, that the Deborah Avery Putnam Chapter organized, with Mrs. Julia M. Hill Andrews as Regent. It was not until July, 1896, when the Charter bearing the necessary twelve names was procured.

The Charter Members: Julia M. Hill Andrews (Mrs.), Sarah James Dyer (Mrs.), Martha S. Eaton (Miss), Isabelle Clark Kingsley (Mrs.), Bertha L. Sprague Gallup (Mrs.), Charlotte L. I. Miner Tieman (Mrs.), Evelyn Briggs Cranska (Mrs.), Sarah Sprague Deane (Mrs.), Jeannette Gallup (Miss), Marcia H. Sprague Adams (Mrs.), Anna James Young (Mrs.), Sarah Harding Milner (Mrs.). The two living charter members of our Chapter are Mrs. Bertha L. S. Gallup and Mrs. Marcia H. S. Adams. Both Mrs. Gallup and Mrs. Adams have served as directors of the Ellsworth Memorial Association, and Mrs. Gallup at

the present time is State Councilor for the year 1928-1929.

Mrs. Julia M. Hill Andrews, Regent 1895-1899. As our Chapter was just starting, much of our work these four years was confined to adopting by-laws,

procuring our charter, and mostly arousing interest to increase our membership. Twenty dollars was given to the Wolf Den project at Putnam. Thirty-four dollars was raised and expended for material for Relief Work for our soldiers. We offered prizes to the pupils of the Grammar Schools of the town of Plainfield for the best essays on Historic Subjects. The work of marking the graves of the Revolutionary soldiers buried in the Town was started. The Chapter article on the "Life of Deborah Avery Putnam" for the Connecticut Book of Patron Saints

was prepared by our Regent, Mrs. Julia M. Hill Andrews.

Bertha L. Sprague (Gallup), Regent 1899-1901. Our Chapter took great interest and assisted in preparing the Colonial Exhibit held in the First Congregational Church, Plainfield, Conn., in connection with the Plainfield Bi-Centennial, August 1, 1899. Our members alternated in taking charge of the exhibit during the day. We also had headquarters for the comfort and convenience of visiting Daughters at the Crary House, which was rented and furnished in "Ye Olden Style" for the occasion. Five new members were added to our Chapter. Markers for seven Revolutionary Soldiers Graves were purchased and set. During this year our Regent was married to John C. Gallup of Moosup, and the Chapter presented her with a beautiful Colonial picture.

Mrs. Ella M. Eaton, Regent 1901-1903. During these two years our literary work for the first year was confined to the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, and the second year included the lives of thirteen of the prominent Generals of the Revolutionary War. We gave thirty dollars to the Continental Hall fund. To the Libraries in the town our Chapter presented copies of the

Connecticut D. A. R. Sketches, "Patron Saints."

Mrs. Agnes S. Vaughn, Regent 1903-1905. In the fall of this year the Ellsworth Homestead was publicly presented to the Connecticut D. A. R. at Windsor, Conn. Our Regent was honored by signing her name to certain papers in behalf of the Chapter, in acceptance of the beautiful home. A special meeting of the year, was that in which we entertained the Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter, of Danielson, Conn., and were honored by having as our guest speaker Jonathan Trumbull of Norwich, Conn., President of the Connecticut S. A. R., his subject, "Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut's War Governor." Thirteen dollars was given toward the Continental Hall Fund. During this year "Historic places in New England" formed our study.

Mrs. Marcia H. Sprague Adams, Regent 1905-1907. During this year we contributed toward the furnishing of the Ellsworth Memorial Home. A Candle Stand of mahogany with silver marker suitably inscribed and a colonial candle stick, were the gifts from the Deborah Avery Putnam Chapter. A special Washington's Birthday party was held, to help add funds to our treasury, and a most pleasing event was the dancing of the minuet, the ladies dressed in colonial

costumes.

Annie Tillinghast, Regent 1907-1909. A pilgrimage was made to the Ellsworth Home at Windsor, Conn. Our Chapter presented a framed portrait of George Washington to the Plainfield High School. Also we offered a prize of five dollars in gold to the senior in the High School, for the best essay on some Historical Revolutionary Subject. We gave fifty dollars toward the education of a boy at the Connecticut Literary Institution. Twenty-five dollars was contributed to Continental Hall, and two dollars sent to the Fanny Crosby fund. By personal subscription fifteen dollars was raised toward a present of money to be given our well beloved State Regent, Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, at the expiration of her regency.

Mrs. Addie M. S. Lillibridge, Regent 1909-1911. Two historic pilgrimages were taken this year, one to Lebanon and one to Groton, both places being rich with memories of our forefathers. A prize of five dollars was again offered to the pupils of the High School of the town of Plainfield, for the best essay on some Revolutionary War Subject. We sent contributions to the Guida fund,

Continental Hall fund and ten dollars towards the Bronze Doors.

Mrs. Louise Vaughn, Regent 1911-1913. One of the first social events of the year was the pilgrimage to the Ellsworth Home. Our Chapter contributed ten dollars toward the portrait of Mrs. Sara Kinney, same to be placed in the Ellsworth Home. Toward work needed to be done in the old cemeteries of the town of Plainfield, we gave ten dollars. We gave our quota toward the Guida fund, and gave fifty dollars for half scholarship to some worthy boy at Connecticut

College, Suffield, Conn.

Mrs. Julia M. Hill Andrews, Regent 1913-1915. Perhaps the most outstanding feature of these two years, was the dedication on May 30, 1915, of the Memorial Gates, Tablets and Posts, at the Old Town Cemetery, Plainfield, Conn. inscription reads as follows: "In Memory of the Revolutionary Soldiers who







Mrs. Flora B. Heywood



Dorothy Atwood

enlisted from the town of Plainfield, 1775-1778. Erected by the Deborah Avery Putnam Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution." With appropriate exercises, the Tablet was unveiled. Our Regent, Mrs. Andrews, presented our Chapter a gavel and block of wood made from an elm tree planted at Windsor, Conn., by Oliver Ellsworth, third Chief Justice of the United States. The gavel bears a silver marker. We contributed toward half a Scholarship at the Connecticut College and gave our quota toward the Connecticut Hall bond subscribed by Connecticut.

Miss Martha S. Eaton, Regent 1915-1917. A cycle of teas and socials were given by our Chapter, and one hundred dollars raised, which was given to Windham Hall, Connecticut College. A prize of fifty dollars was awarded to a senior at the Plainfield High School for the best historical paper. We gave twenty-five dollars to the Ellsworth Home, and ten dollars contributed toward the memorial to Miss Henry. With the approaching war and the call of the Red Cross, our Chapter hired a room in the town hall, where our members worked for the

Red Cross. Ten dollars was contributed toward the Red Cross work.

Mrs. Addie M. S. Lillibridge, Regent 1917-1919. The prize of fifty dollars awarded last year to the member of the senior class of the Plainfield High School, was won by Miss Elizabeth Nightingale of Moosup, Conn., her essay, "The Meaning of Our National and State Flag." Our Chapter was assisting in every way possible the call of the town in its War Work. Many appeals from War Relief committees came at this time, so several teas and socials were given to help raise money for this cause. We made five sets or twenty-five pieces of knitted articles for the Aviation Corp, asked for by our State Regent, as well as two knitted sets for the Battleship Connecticut. Our quota of sixy-three dollars, toward restoring the French village "Tilloloy," was given. We gave one hundred dollars to the National Society's Subscription to the Liberty Loan. We conducted a Red Cross drive, securing 642 members, and collected \$3,741.12 towards the War Fund. \$925 was returned to our Chapter, which was used to fit each enlisted and drafted man in our town with knitted sets of five pieces. This work was continued until the time of the formation of the Plainfield Red Cross Chapter. All materials and supplies on hand were turned over to the Plainfield Red Cross Chapter. Three members of our Chapter served as Chairman of the Women's Liberty Loan Committee in their respective villages. Ten dollars was sent to the Endowment Fund of the Ellsworth Memorial, and twenty-five dollars contributed to mark the birthplace of Israel Putnam at Danvers, Mass. Our Chapter served dinner to the thirteen men in charge of the State Registration War Work.

Mrs. Bertha Sprague Gallup, Regent 1919-1921. A pilgrimage was made to historic Lebanon, and after our meeting we visited the home of our first "War Governor," Jonathan Trumbull. We also made a pilgrimage to Lantern Hill.

We contributed ten dollars toward the upkeep of the Ellsworth Memorial Home, ten dollars to the Endowment Fund, and ten dollars to the Utility Fund. Twenty-five dollars paid to the International College at Springfield. Two prizes were offered to the pupils of the grammar schools of the town, for the best essays on "Americanization." Copies of "The American's Creed," were placed in the schools, mills and other public places of the town. As this year was our twenty-fifth anniversary, we had a very special meeting with Mrs. George M. Minor, President General of the National Society, and Mrs. John Buel, State Regent, as our guests of honor. Other invited guests were the Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter and the Anne Brewster Fanning Chapter. At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served, part of which included a large birthday cake, decorated with twenty-five red, white and blue candles. We contributed fifty dollars for part scholarship at Suffield, gave to the Ellsworth Memorial Endowment Fund, contributed towards the marking of "Israel Putnan's Birthplace," the boardroom at Continental Hall, and the Near East Relief Fund.

Annie Tillinghast, Regent 1921-1924. During this year our Chapter took "The First American Indian," as our literary study. Perhaps one of the red letter days of the year was that when Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, Honorary Vice-President General, and past State Regent, visited our Chapter and gave us a most interesting and entertaining talk upon her work among the Indians. We contributed fifty dollars for part scholarship at Suffield, gave to the marking of Israel Putnam's Birthplace, the boardroom at Continental Hall, and also gave our quota towards the \$1,000, given by our state, to endow a chair at Harvard, to be known as the Jonathan Trumbull Professorship of American Government. Prizes were given to the grammar school pupils for the best essay on "Americanization." Miss Henry spoke to us at one of our meetings in behalf of the Maryville College, and we contributed fifty dollars to this cause. Thirty-nine dollars was given to the Near East Relief Fund. Contributions were given to the Ellsworth Memorial, Ellis Island Fund (for workers), Suffield College, Sara T. Kinney Scholarship (Indian School), and ten dollars given for the poem in Patriotic Series "The Unbound Anthology" in honor of Mrs. George M. Minor of Connecticut, President General of the National Society. During the year 1921-1922 Miss Annie Tillinghast served as a member of the State Council.

Mrs. Charles Barber, Regent 1924-1925. This year our Chapter presented to the New Plainfield High School a State Flag, a banner of blue satin and bears a hand painted shield of our State. Mrs. George M. Minor, Honorary President General, was the guest of honor. On the afternoon of the same day we entertained the Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter and the Anne Brewster Fanning Chapter. Mrs. George Minor was our guest speaker. Mrs. Buel, Vice-President General was also one of our speakers of the afternoon. We gave ten dollars towards the Memorial Fund at Oxford College, for Mrs. Harrison, our first President General. We gave our quota to the Ellsworth Homestead Fund, Valley Forge (Connecticut Bell), Philippine Scholarship Fund, Peoples Forest, and half

scholarship at the College of Springfield.

Mrs. Flora B. Heywood, Regent 1925-1927. During this year our Regent Mrs. Heywood offered a prize of five dollars to the pupils in the High School of the town of Plainfield, for the best essay on the subject "The Constitution." By personal subscription one hundred and fifty dollars was raised towards the purchasing of a chair in honor of our Organizing Regent, Mrs. Julia Andrews to be placed in Continental Hall at Washington, D. C. We contributed fifty two dollars to the Berry School, and gave our quota to the Manual, Library. Philippine Scholarship, Ellis Island Fund, Connecticut Box, Constitution Hall, and Oxford College. We also gave our quota for the Connecticut Bond, for Constitution Hall.

Mrs. Helen M. Loring, Regent 1927-1928. We turned our thoughts and energy to historical work this year. As Rochambeau and his army passed through the town of Plainfield on their way to join Washington on the Hudson. it seemed very appropriate that our Chapter should mark the site where they camped for the night. This site was on the land of the Old Dorrance Homestead. Prizes were again given to the pupils of the High School for the best essay on "Americanization." We contributed to the Blue Ridge School, besides sending a box of clothing; gave to Oxford College Fund, and gave our quota for Connecticut College Scholarship, Manual, and Ellis Island Fund.

Miss Dorothy Atwood, Regent 1928-1929. Our banner project for this year was the placing of a large Boulder with Bronze Tablet, suitably inscribed, to mark the place where, in 1781, Rochambeau and his army camped, on their way through Connecticut to join Washington on the Hudson. The inscription on the Tablet reads as follows: "Captain Eleazer Cady House, built before 1720. In June, 1781, French officers with Rochambeau's Army were entertained here on the march from Providence to Yorktown. On the 'Plains' one-half mile west, the French Army encamped and on the return march in 1782, again passed through the town. Five hundred feet north is the second site of the First Congregational Church, occupied from 1720 to 1784. Four hundred and fifty feet south stands the Parsonage of Rev. Joel Benedict, fourth minister of the church, 1784 to 1816.

Samuel Fox, a Colonial Purchasing Agent for the Continental Army, Representative to the Legislature, Incorporator and Trustee of Plainfield Academy,

owned and occupied the "Parsonage" from 1775 to 1799."

The unveiling of this Boulder will take place some time during the month of March, 1929. We have contributed our quota to the Connecticut College, Founders Monument, the Manual, Ellis Island and the National Defense Fund, and also to the Blue Ridge School and our quota toward the Guide to Historic Spots. The cost of setting the Boulder and Tablet was \$46.79; the Bronze Tablet was \$75.57; the total cost \$122.36. In closing the historic record of the Deborah Avery Putnam Chapter we are proud to say that a Past State Regent said in her annual report, "that our Chapter was noted for its literary and musical programs." We were honored by the appointment of three pages to the Continental Congress in Washington, D. C., namely Miss Evelyn Cranska, Miss Dorothy Tillinghast and Miss Dorothy Atwood.

MRS. LOWELL M. SALISBURY, Historian.

ELIZABETH CLARKE HULL CHAPTER

Ansonia

Organized June 28, 1894

No. 20

Members 139

Meets second Wednesday of each month.

Elizabeth Clarke Hull Chapter received its name in honor of the mother of three sons, who served during the Revolution, three distinguished grandsons of the War of 1812, and great grandsons, who achieved fame by sword and by pen. Her oldest son, Lieutenant Joseph Hull, was father of Commodore Isaac Hull, Commander of the famous frigate Constitution, "Old Ironsides," in the War of 1812, when she gained her sweeping victory over the British frigate, Guerriere.

General William Hull and Lieutenant Samuel Hull served with great bravery and devotion during the Revolution. In 1812 Captain Abraham Fuller Hull, only son of General William, fell at the head of his company, at the Battle of Lundy's Lane. Another grandson, Levi Hull, was aide to General Harrison. Illustrious names among her great grandsons are Commodore Joseph Hull, of the United States Navy, Dr. James Freeman Clarke, and his brother Samuel C. Clarke, and Brigadier General Joseph Wheeler of Wheeler, Alabama, who served his country with gallantry in the war with Spain.

Elizabeth Clarke Hull was born in Lyme, Connecticut, September 24, 1732, the eldest of ten children of William and Hannah Clarke. William Clarke was, by family tradition, the grandson of Thomas Clarke, of the Mayflower, for whom Clarke's Island was named. In 1735 William Clarke removed to Derby, Connecti-

cut, and became a merchant and valuable citizen.

His daughter, Elizabeth, married her neighbor, Joseph Hull, 3rd, who, during an active and most valuable career of public usefulness, represented his native town many years in the Colonial Legislature. When the cloud of the Revolution broke, the first call for troops met with ready response from Captain Hull, who went to New York, doing noble service, but, on returning, was seized with a sudden illness that ended his useful life in September, 1775. Three weeks later, his youngest son, Levi, a boy of four years, followed him. The broken family circle was still further severed by the departure of three sons for the war. Joseph, Lieutenant of Artillery, was captured at Fort Washington, and confined a prisoner for two years. In 1778, he was exchanged, and returned with undaunted spirit to his country's service. Many are the stories related of his skill and daring

with boats, capturing other boats unaided, showing qualities that made his son,

Commodore Isaac Hull, world-famous.

William, the second son, chosen Captain of the first company raised in Derby. immediately joined Washington with his company, and served in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Saratoga, Stony Point and many others, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Being appointed Deputy-Inspector, he devoted himself to the discipline of the Army, becoming so valuable in that capacity that, by advice of Baron Steuben, he declined the desirable position of Aide to General Washington, and recommended his life-long friend, David Humphreys, who received the appointment.

When, in the closing scene of the Revolution, the British army retired from New York City, Colonel Hull, with his light infantry, escorted Washington through the city, taking possession of each post as the British left it, and received warm commendation from Washington for the perfect discipline of his troops. Colonel Hull was one of the Founders of the Order of the Cincinnati. He removed to Newton, Massachusetts, became Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, then was elected Senator to the Legislature of Massachusetts for many years. In 1805, he was appointed Governor of Michigan Territory, and held the position until 1812, when he was commissioned Brigadier General, in command of the Northwestern Army. Detroit was then an outpost in the wilderness—cut off from reinforcements by land or sea, and to avoid a useless massacre by the Indians, he was obliged to surrender the city. This action brought down upon him the censure of his enemies, but before his death he was able to completely vindicate his course by access to the records in Washington, and the ablest historians defend him.

Samuel, the third son, served bravely during the Revolution as a Lieutenant. Isaac, the fourth son, too young to enlist in the Revolution, proved his loyalty during the war of 1812, when he was imprisoned and obliged to leave his home in Canada for his openly avowed devotion to his native country.

Such were the sons of Elizabeth Clarke Hull, and for the brave deeds, unselfish patriotism and noble courage of her sons and grandsons, many instances of which are recorded even to the third and fourth generation, we honor her.

In person, Elizabeth Clarke Hull was of slender build and commanding height. In manner very attractive, in disposition, generous and social. Beloved by her friends, she, in turn, held them in high esteem. One instance of her personal service to the soldiers is recorded. During the winter spent at Valley Forge, her son William writes this description of the huts of the officers:

"The hut we occupied consisted of one room. This was dining room, parlor, kitchen and hall. On one side shelves were put up for our books, on another stood a row of Derby cheeses, sent from Connecticut by my mother, a luxury of which the camp could rarely boast, and with which visitors to the hut were often regaled."

After the death of her husband, and the enlistment of her sons in the army, Elizabeth Clarke Hull married Sergeant Joseph Tomlinson of Derby, in October, 1776, and lived for many years on Great Hill. After the death of Mr. Tomlinson, she married, on February 13, 1793, Captain Joseph Osborne of Oxford, a man of great prominence and influence. He lived but four years.

Subsequently, she became the wife of Captain James Masters, of Schaghticoke, New York. It is related that Captain Masters drove over the hills from Albany for her with a coach and six horses, making a great sensation by the display. She declined assistance in climbing into the coach, saying a bride should not

need any.

She resided near Albany until the death of Captain Masters, when she returned to her son, Dr. David Hull, of Fairfield, a distinguished physician, with whom she lived until ninety years of age. She was then removed, at her request, to the home of her favorite grandson, Alfred Hull, on Great Hill, where the closing years of her life were passed amid familiar scenes. After the complete vindication of General Hull from the cruel charges brought against him to shield the misdeeds of others, his first step was to pay a visit to his mother and his native town, where he was received with gratifying honor. His mother did not long survive his visit, but, on February 11, 1826, when ninety-four years of age, was laid to rest by the side of her husband, Joseph Hull, in Colonial Cemetery, Derby.

The Elizabeth Clarke Hull Chapter had its beginning on June 8, 1894, when

Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim, State Regent of Connecticut, came to Ansonia to meet a few ladies assembled at the home of Mrs. George P. Cowles. Mrs. Keim appointed Mrs. Charles F. Bliss, Vice-Regent, Mrs. Mary T. Clark, Registrar, and Miss Lucia H. Cotter, Historian.

Later Mrs. Theodore P. Terry was appointed Regent, and the Chapter was organized with twenty-five charter members, meeting for the first time on June

28th.

The list of charter members included: Mrs. Arthur H. Bartholomew, Miss Jennie S. Blair, Mrs. Charles F. Bliss, Mrs. Edward B. Bradley, Mrs. Frances Bartholomew Bristol, Mrs. Charles F. Brooker, Mrs. Mary T. Clark, Miss Lucia H. Cotter, Mrs. Martha G. Downs, Mrs. Franklin Farrel, Mrs. Frank E. Hoadley, Mrs. Chauncey Leach, Mrs. William T. Lyman, Mrs. Joseph W. Naramore, Mrs. Walter Perry, Mrs. Emma J. Powe, Miss Alice T. Rogers (Mrs. John E. Lane), Mrs. Eugene Schoonmaker, Mrs. Linn B. Switzer, Miss Annie M. Terry, Miss Flora L. Terry, Mrs. Frank T. Terry, Mrs. Theodore P. Terry, Mrs. Thomas Wallace, Jr., Mrs. William A. White.

Twelve charter members have passed away. Five have ceased connection with the Chapter, owing to removal to other cities. Eight original members are still in active membership. They are Mrs. Arthur H. Bartholomew, Mrs. Charles F. Bliss, a life member; Mrs. Mary T. Clark, a life member; Miss Lucia H. Cotter, Mrs. Franklin Farrel, Mrs. Joseph W. Naramore, Miss Flora L. Terry,

Mrs. Frank T. Terry.

Five descendants of Elizabeth Clarke Hull have been members of our Chapter. They were Mrs. Sarah L. Galpin, widow of Philip S. Galpin, a well known Mayor of New Haven, great-granddaughter of Lieutenant Joseph Hull; Mrs. Sarah Fuller Read, of Brookline, Massachusetts, granddaughter of General William Hull; Mrs. Annie Fields Vila, of Brookline, Massachusetts, a great granddaughter of General William Hull; Mrs. Ella Wingate Ireland, of Brooklyn, New York, a great granddaughter of General William Hull; Miss Annie Early Wheeler, daughter of General Joseph Wheeler, a great granddaughter of General William Hull; Mrs. Galpin and Mrs. Read passed away. Mrs. Vila and Mrs. Ireland resigned after some years, and Miss Annie E. Wheeler is still our most distinguished member, not only for her illustrious father, who served his country in the House of Representatives many years, and in the Spanish War proved the activity of "Fighting Joe Wheeler" still undiminished, but for her own faithful and untiring services as a nurse, both in Cuba and in the Philippines.

We have had one "Real Daughter," Mrs. Minerva Blake Howland of New Haven, daughter of Reuben Blake, of Derby, Connecticut, who served during the Revolution, receiving a wound that resulted in permanent lameness. Mrs.

Howland died February 14, 1900, aged 96 years.

Isaac Smith, the Hero of Pork Hollow, a boy of sixteen, drove his father's ox team on this occasion. We can only regret that the names of the boys who assisted in this heroic work are not recorded. Isaac Smith married a few years later, Elizabeth Hull, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Clarke Hull. The inscription on the Pork Hollow stone reads: "Pork Hollow. Near this spot were hidden military stores belonging to the army of the Revolution during Tryon's raid through Connecticut. Erected by the Elizabeth Clarke Hull Chapter, D. A. R., 1901."

The graves of eleven soldiers of the Revolution in Elm Street Cemetery have been proved and their records accepted by the Sons of the American Revolution,

and marked with the official bronze marker.

We have had fifteen Regents: Mrs. Theodore P. Terry (Sophronia Bartholomew) our first Regent, served from June, 1894 for two years, becoming Honorary Regent a few years later. For twenty-five years, Mrs. Terry was helpful as a loyal adviser, and faithful in attending the meetings. She died January 29, 1919.

Mrs Mary Terry Clark became Regent in 1896, and served two years. Mrs. Clark was the first woman in Ansonia to become a Daughter of the American Revolution. In 1893, at the World's Fair in Chicago, a tiny booth, labeled "Daughters of the American Revolution" attracted her attention and made its appeal as a much needed and valuable society. In October, she joined the Sarah Riggs Humphrey Chapter in Derby, and was transferred the following June to form the Ansonia Chapter, later named the Elizabeth Clarke Hull Chapter. She has served six years as Regent, 1896-1898, 1902-1904 and 1919-1921. Be-

coming a life member in the early days of the Society, she has never lost interest or wholly laid down the D. A. R. harness. She prepared two booklets of Chapter history with sketches, printed in 1898 and 1910. In 1897, she served as a member of the State Regents' Council, also on the Committee for furnishing

Ellsworth Home and is one of the Incorporators.

Mrs. Dana Bartholomew (Isabel Warner) served three years as Regent, 1898-1900 and 1901-1902. Mrs. Bartholomew is now Mrs. Peter Boyd and has lived in Philadelphia many years, but she still retains her membership and loyal interest in the Chapter. The Chapter bookplate with Old Ironsides was a gift from Mrs. Bartholomew. This artistic bookplate has been greatly admired and is sought by collectors. It was engraved by Mr. W. F. Hopson of New Haven. The original design was made by Mrs. Mary T. Clark, and the lettering was done by Mr. F. E. Stivers. Mr. Hopson added the insignia and the curved line. The old frigate Constitution is copied from a painting by Marshall Johnson in Boston Atheneum.

Following Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Eugene Schoonmaker (Anna Littlefield) served one year 1900-1901. During Mrs. Schoonmaker's regency, Pork Hollow of Revolutionary interest, was marked with a wayside stone of Quincy granite. Into this hollow, covered with scrub oak, quantities of pork and military supplies which were stored in a house near the Housatonic River, were dragged nearly two miles one moonlight night by Isaac Smith—a boy of sixteen—driving his father's oxteam, with the help of other young patriots, and successfully concealed from the British when General Tryon raided New Haven and alarmed Captain John Tomlinson. Incidentally, we might say that Isaac Smith married Elizabeth Hull, daughter of Elizabeth Clarke Hull.

In 1904, Mrs. William A. Wood (Lilian Warren) was chosen Regent, but her untimely passing, March 17, 1905, cut short her first year. It was during this year, 1904, that the boundary stone, a native boulder, marking the division line between Mattatuck (Waterbury) and Paugassett (Derby), on the hilltop called Andrews' Mountain, was placed by the Chapters of Waterbury, Naugatuck,

Seymour, Derby and Ansonia.

Our next Regent was Mrs. Emma J. Bartholomew Powe, who served four years. Chapter affairs moved along smoothly under this popular and muchloved Regent. In June, 1909, Mrs. Powe was made Honorary Regent. Removing to New Haven soon after, Mrs. Powe was transferred to Mary Clap Wooster Chapter in that city. She died March, 1912.

Mrs. Carlos H. Storrs (Maitie Rider) served as Regent from 1909-1910.

Mrs. William P. Judson (Katharine Hart) succeeded Mrs. Storrs and served one year, 1910-1911. It was during this year that the second booklet was published.

Mrs. William Holmes (Marion Craigie) took the helm in 1911 and successfully steered the chaptership for three years, until 1914, when delicate health made it advisable for her to rest. The boundary stone, of Barre granite, between Derby and Ansonia, marking the division line and the dates of founding the towns, Derby 1654 and Ansonia 1844, was placed in 1914 by the Sarah Riggs Humphrey Chapter of Derby and the Elizabeth Clarke Hull Chapter of Ansonia.

Miss Sarah Dwight Plummer followed Mrs. Holmes for two years, 1914-1916.

Miss Plummer passed away September 13, 1926.

Miss Mary L. Holbrook came in as the War Regent in 1916 and served three years until 1919. In May, 1916, the Chapter Reference Library of about four hundred volumes was given to the Public Library, with a fund of five hundred dollars (\$500), donated by members of the Chapter, for the maintenance of a reference alcove. The annual interest of this fund, supplemented by generous gif-s from members, has increased the library to nearly seven hundred volumes of genealogies, state, county and town records and histories, and complete files of the D. A. R. Magazine, Lineage Books, New England Historical and Genealogical Register, New Haven Genealogical Magazine, Connecticut Magazine, Spirit of '76, Connecticut Colonial Records, and New York Historical Society Collections, American Ancestry and Connecticut in the Revolution. The D. A. R. alcove is furnished with a reading table and a card catalogue of proper names, with important articles and records from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, New Haven Genealogical Magazine, D. A. R. Magazine, American Ancestry and genealogies. This card catalogue was compiled by Miss Lucia H. Cotter, assisted by several members of the Chapter, in 1922. During Miss Holbrook's administration, there was much knitting for soldiers and aviators, and much extra work devolved upon the Regent.

Upon her retirement in 1919, Mrs. Mary T. Clark again took the helm for her third term, holding the office for two years, until 1921, when Mrs. Frank

Theodore Terry (Jennie Montague) consented to serve as Regent.

Mrs. Terry has carried along the Chapter in harmony and prosperity for nearly eight years. In March, 1925, the Chapter entertained Connecticut Chapters for the two-day Business Conference. State Officers have been entertained each year. In 1927, Miss Olivia Stokes gave, through Mrs. Stivers, a large silk flag to the Chapter. In April, 1927, Mr. George O. Schneller, gave—in memory of his mother, the beautiful State Flag. The D. A. R. flag was bought in June, 1927, with funds raised by Mrs. Stivers, collected from a few members of the Chapter. The home of Rev. Dr. Richard Mansfield, Rector of the Episcopal Church for seventy-two years, has been restored by Mrs. Mabel P. Stivers, and furnished and opened for a museum of Revolutionary days. The old Humphrey house on Elm street, home of General David Humphrey, Aide to General Washington, has been purchased and marked by Mrs. Stivers, who has also marked several other old houses, and patiently dug history from the land records and old wills, and has recorded her researches in a number of well-written articles.

The Charter of the Chapter hangs in the Ansonia Library. It is unique in having an exquisitely carved frame, made of oak, taken in 1896 from the old frigate Constitution while lying at Kittery, Maine. This wood was presented by the United States Government, in honor of the birthplace of Commodore Isaac Hull, in Derby, Conn., of which town Ansonia was formerly a part. The frame was carved by hand, by the artist, John Todd Hill, of Stonington, Conn. The battles of the Revolution in which General William Hull was engaged, are commemorated. On the mat an exquisite india ink drawing of the victory of the Constitution over the Guerriere was the gift of Miss Louise M. Powe. From pieces of this wood, Chapter badges were also carved by John Todd Hill, small wheels, representing the pilot wheel of the Constitution. These are suspended

from a silver bar bearing the name of the Chapter.

During the several months of last year spent by Mrs. Terry in California, the duties of the Regent were acceptably filled by the first Vice-Regent, Mrs.

Oliver E. Lapham, who presided at the meetings.

A tribute should be paid to every Regent, who, often at great inconvenience to herself, has taken the lead as Regent and loyally devoted time and strength to the work of the Chapter and the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

ELIZABETH PORTER PUTNAM CHAPTER

Putnam

Organized May 14, 1897

No. 34

Members 224

Meets second Monday in each month, October to June, inclusive.

The Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, D. A. R., Putnam, Conn., was organized May 14, 1897 with fifty charter members as follows: Mrs. Hattie C. Bowen, Mrs. Mary C. Burnham, Miss Ada G. Bugbee, Mrs. Bertha L. Brewster, Mrs. Mary Whitney Bowen, Miss Abbie A. Bartholomew, Miss Mary M. Bartholomew, Miss S. Elizabeth Clarke, Mrs. Ellen Child Carpenter, Miss Ellen D. Chandler, Mrs. Emma Shaw Colcleugh, Mrs. Mary L. Chesbro, Miss Mary B. Daniels, Mrs. Abbie P. Daniels, Miss Maud A. Douty, Mrs. Sarah A. Exton, Mrs. Ida M. Fenner, Mrs. Angeline G. Gazley, Miss Bertha E. Hammond, Miss M. Florence Holt, Mrs. Helen Manning Kent, Mrs. Fannie Bugbee Kent, Mrs. Hattie M. Luke, Miss Ellen D. Larned, Mrs. Aurelia T. Leonard, Mrs. Mary Bugbee Medbury, Miss Charlotte E. Manning, Mrs. Maud Alden Morse, Mrs. Annie D. Morse, Mrs. Mary B. Nichols, Mrs. Cornelia W. Perry, Mrs. Laura E. Payne, Mrs. Florence Child Paine, Mrs. Ellen Sharpe Shaw, Miss Ruth E. Shaw, Mrs. Ella Exton Stoddard, Mrs. Henrietta B. Skinner, Mrs. Emma T. Sargent, Mrs. Sarah W. Seward, Mrs. Sarah G. Sampson, Miss Ellen H. Tracy, Miss M. Eden Tatem, Mrs. Alice M. Taylor, Mrs. Blanche M. Vaughan, Mrs. Jane C. Warner, Miss

Ellen M. Wheelock, Miss Mary T. Wheelock, Miss Helen T. Winslow, Mrs.

Eliza Witter Wright, Miss Parmelia S. Warner.

Mrs. Mary B. Medbury (now Mrs. Bishop) was the Organizing Regent and for two years served as Chapter Regent. In honor of the famous Revolutionary hero, Connecticut's illustrious Patriot, Major General Israel Putnam, whose home for many years was in the adjoining town of Pomfret, the Chapter took the name of his mother, Elizabeth Porter Putnam.

Since its organization our Chapter has grown steadily until today we have a membership of 226. Of this number twenty-one are charter members.

We have had the great honor of enrolling four Real Daughters; Mrs. Sarah Anderson Exton, who died July 10, 1899, at the age of ninety-two years, was a charter member. Mrs. Hepzibar Maria Smith Rhodes joined the Chapter in September, 1897, and died April 11, 1898 at the age of eighty eight years. Mrs. Hannah Green Robbins became a member of the Chapter in 1901 and died November 2, 1904, at the age of ninety-six years. Our fourth Real Daughter, Mrs. Sarah Bosworth Bradway, became an honorary member of our Chapter in 1913 at the age of ninety-five years. She was born in April, 1818, and died October 20, 1926, at the advanced age of 108 years and five months. At the time of her death she was the oldest Real Daughter in the United States.

We have been further honored in having had as a member of our Chapter, Windham County's noted historian, the late Miss Ellen Douglas Larned of Thompson, Conn., and also in having included in our membership for a time the well known writer and lecturer, Mrs. Emma Shaw Colcleugh, now transferred to the Gaspee Chapter of Providence, R. I. A present member of whom we are justly proud is Mrs. Mayo D. Hersey (Frances Lester Warner) of Washington, D. C., the distinguished author of several books and a daughter of one of our former regents.

The following have served as Regents of the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter: Mrs. Mary B. Bishop, 1897-1899; Mrs. Helen M. Kent, 1899-1901; Mrs. Mary B. Nichols, 1901-1903; Mrs. Ellen S. Shaw, 1903-1905; Mrs. Blanche M. Vaughan, 1905-1907; Miss S. Elizabeth Clarke, 1907-1909; Mrs. Ruth S. Wheelock, 1909-1911; Mrs. Abbie P. Daniels, 1911-1913; Mrs. Blanche M. Vaughan, 1913-1915; Mrs. Carrie C. Ballard, 1915-1917; Miss Ellen M. Wheelock, 1917-1919; Mrs. Jane C. Warner, 1919-1921; Mrs. Mary B. Bishop, 1921-1923; Mrs. Minnie B. deCoudres, 1923-1925; Mrs. Elvira A. Barber, 1925-1927; Miss Sarah C. Crosby, 1927-1929.

In accord with the purpose of the National Society, we have endeavored "to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence," by the marking of the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers, by the erecting of memorials to their memory, and by taking an active interest in Patriotic Education. Americanism, Conservation and Thrift have also received due attention.

The work of marking the graves of Revolutionary soldiers was taken up immediately after the organization of the Chapter and has continued until today we record 414 graves located and marked in the several cemeteries in this vicinity.

Mrs. Bishop, our Organizing Regent and now State Consulting Registrar and chairman of the State Genealogical Committee, with the aid of Mrs. Helen Mansfield, a charter member, has prepared filing cards giving the genealogical and military records of each soldier. Annually on Memorial Day flags are placed upon these graves by members of our Chapter, assisted by the children of our Quinebaug C. A. R. Society.

One of the most noteworthy undertakings of our Chapter was the purchase, in the first year of its organization, of the Wolf Den property for a public park. This property, located in Pomfret, is a ninety-seven acre tract of woodland where, history tells, occurred Israel Putnam's famous encounter with the wolf in the winter of 1743. In 1897 the magnificent trees, many of them nearly 100 years old, which covered a part of this tract of land, were in danger



Mrs. Mary B. Bishop

of being cut and sold for timber and so the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, in order to preserve the historic spot in all its natural wild beauty, arranged for

the purchase of the property.

Improvements were soon commenced. A new road was laid out, substantial stone piers were built at the new entrance and a foot-path was made to the Den. Here a flag pole was erected and a flag raised which, summer and winter, floated over the historic cave. A stone curbing was also built around an old well, which was equipped with an old-fashioned sweep and bucket. A table and seats were put up for picnic parties and a register provided for visitors. More than 2,000, representing many different states, came during one summer.

In 1912 this property together with that of adjoining owners was posted as a bird preserve and in 1915 blighted chestnut trees were removed and 10,000 seedling pines planted in suitable places. Yearly pilgrimages were made to the place by the Daughters, and in September, 1916, the Chapter entertained there the members of the Connecticut Forestry Association, the Connecticut Park Com-

mission and the Rhode Island Historic Society.

On August 11, 1920, a bronze tablet, the gift of the Colonel Daniel Putnam Association, was unveiled and presented to the Chapter with impressive ceremonies. This tablet, which was accepted in behalf of our Chapter by our Regent, Mrs. E. M. Warner, is set in a large boulder at the right entrance to the Den and bears the following inscription:

"PUTNAM AND THE WOLF

Following her tracks through one day and night in the early snow of December, 1742, to the Connecticut River and back, the early settlers of this region here discovered the den of the she wolf that had for years devastated their flocks and had so far eluded all attempts at capture. After all other methods had failed, when both negro and dog held back, ISRAEL PUTNAM, 70 of whose sheep had been slaughtered, at ten o'clock at night with a rope tied to his feet, first with a torch, again with a musket, entered this cave, and by the light of her angry eyes, shot and killed the marauder, and entering a third time, dragged forth the body of the last wolf in Connecticut."

"This tablet is presented to the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, by The Colonel Daniel Putnam Association, Inc., and their friends, to preserve the memory of an act of courage and of public service by a young farmer, who was in later years to win fame as a wise leader, a brave fighter and a National

hero. He dared to lead where others dared to follow."

In February, 1925, largely because of the havoc wrought by the chestnut blight, the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, after twenty-seven years of ownership, transferred its title to the Wolf Den property to the State Park and Forest Commission, that it might be added to the state forest reservations and receive the care necessary for its preservation. The money received from the sale of the property was set aside to be used at some future time for a fitting memorial to our hero, General Israel Putnam.

In 1910 the Chapter erected Memorial Gates at the entrance to a very old cemetery in Putnam, the "Oldest Killingly Burying Ground." The east wall of the cemetery was rebuilt and in the center were placed the two wrought-iron gates, with square pillars of New England field stone, seven feet in height, on either side. On the face of each pillar is a bronze tablet. That at the left of

the entrance bears the following inscription:

"Oldest Killingly Burying Ground, given by Peter Aspinwall, a

pioneer Settler, 1720"

"In Honor of the Courage and Fidelity of the Men and Women buried in this Yard, who Fought and Suffered during the French and Indian War."

"Erected 1910 by Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, Daughters of

the American Revolution, Putnam, Connecticut."

On the tablet at the right are the names of the thirty-five Revolutionary Soldiers buried in the cemetery and the following inscription:

"In Memoriam, Patriots of The War for Independence, Who Rest in

This Yard."

On June 14, 1910, these gates and tablets were unveiled with appropriate exercises and were presented to the town by the Regent of our Chapter, Mrs. S. M. Wheelock. Distinguished guests and speakers of the afternoon included the State Regent, Mrs. John L. Buel; the Vice-President General of the National Society, Mrs. John P. Sterling; the Vice State Regent, Miss Clara Lee Bowman;

and Miss Ellen D. Larned, Historian of Windham County.

On July 4, 1918, a large boulder with bronze tablet, erected by our Chapter in the cemetery at West Thompson, the "Second Oldest Killingly Yard," was unveiled and dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. Following a short address of welcome by our Regent, Miss Ellen M. Wheelock, an interesting history of the yard was given by a former Regent, Mrs. George H. Nichols. Justice Isaac N. Mills of New York, a former resident of Thompson, gave the address of the afternoon, which was most inspiring and appropriate to the observance of the day (July 4th). The tablet on the boulder bears the following inscription: "In Memoriam, Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, Who Rest in This Yard." Below this, arranged in parallel columns, are the names of the forty soldiers buried in the cemetery, and under these names is inscribed the seal of the Society.

Other Memorials to which we have contributed and in the dedication of which we have had a part, include the Pilgrim Fountain at Plymouth, a bronze tablet at the birthplace of Israel Putnam in Danvers and the Soldiers and Sailors

monument in the center of our town.

In conjunction with its memorial work, the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter has always carried on Patriotic Educational work. Shortly after the organization of the Chapter and through the generosity of one of its members a free Reading Room was opened and generously provided with magazines and daily papers. Collections of educational pictures were also frequently exhibited. The support of the Reading Room was taken over by the town in 1910, but the Chapter continued to furnish papers and magazines each year until 1916 when reading matter was provided for the High School library. The D. A. R. magazine, however, for some time was kept on file at both libraries.

On January 7, 1902, a portrait of Israel Putnam painted by a local artist and loyal friend of the Chapter, the late Honorable T. J. Thurber, was presented to the Israel Putnam School. Our State Regent, Mrs. Kinney, who was present for the occasion, made the presentation in behalf of the Chapter, expressing the wish that the pictured face of the rugged hero might be an incentive to greater

love for our country and greater reverence for the flag.

In 1914 a silver loving cup was presented by our Chapter to the Putnam High School to be held each year by the class winning in the annual debate on some patriotic subject. Copies of the American's Creed have been placed in the schools and flags furnished for some grades.

In 1921, as a community celebration of the tercentenary anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims and also as an Americanism project, the pupils of the Putnam High School, under the auspices of our Chapter, presented a Pilgrim

Pageant, "The Coming of the Mayflower."

As an incentive to the study of American History numerous prizes have been given to pupils of the grammar school and high school for essays on historical and patriotic subjects. Since 1922 a gold medal has been awarded each year to a pupil of the senior class of the local high school for outstanding excellence in United States History.

Through the efforts of our Patriotic Education Committee, the observance of Arbor Day in our schools was inaugurated and also a League formed for improving the appearance of our city. Each year a box of sewing materials, yarns, etc. is sent to the immigrants detained at Ellis Island, and Manuals are distributed among the foreign born in our community. Last year 800 Manuals were given out, the greater part of them to pupils in our evening schools.

We have a Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution, the Quinebaug Society, which was organized with fifty members by Mrs. Mary Bishop, October, 1923. In April of the following year the Society sent two delegates to

the C. A. R. Conference in Washington.

We have sent books to the Continental Memorial Hall Library and curios to the Museum. We have also been the recipient from devoted members and loyal friends of many gifts of books, pictures, statues, etc. The gavel of historic wood from Mt. Vernon, with which all our meetings since the Chapter's organization have been opened, was a gift from a charter member, Mrs. Hattie C. Bowen, an active and helpful member of today. In 1898 a copy of Miss Larned's History of Windham County was presented to the Chapter by the author. Another much appreciated gift was that in 1910 of a seedling oak, a "grandson" of the famous Charter Oak, from Mrs. John M. Holcombe, at that time Regent of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter of Hartford. This was planted in our park and is now slowly

growing into a sturdy tree.

During the World War we proudly hung a flag with two stars for two of our members, one a yeoman in the Charlestown Navy Yard and one a nurse with the Roosevelt Unit in France. We contributed our quota to the \$100,000 Liberty Bond of the National Society and to the fund for the restoration of the French village of Tilloloy. Our members gave liberally of time and money for various forms of War Relief service, including Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work. The subscriptions of the Chapter and of individual members to the Liberty Loans

amounted to over \$50,000.

Each year we have met promptly all our quotas and discharged all our State and National obligations. We have purchased all Lineage Books to date and have contributed to numerous worthy local projects and to many funds sponsored by the National Society. The latter include among others, contributions to International College at Springfield, Philippine scholarship, some Southern schools and the Near East Relief. We have purchased a chair in Constitution Hall in memory of Windham County's Historian, Miss Ellen D. Larned, and have contributed our quota to the Connecticut Box. In the subscription to bonds for Constitution Hall we exceeded our quota.

At present, in co-operation with a number of other local organizations, we are working for a centrally located Public Library building, the nucleus for this fund being a sum which our Chapter has for several years been accumulating for

this purpose.

In March, 1911, we were the hostess Chapter for the annual State Conference which was held in the Second Congregational Church. Among the many other pleasant social events of the Chapter is included a reception on June 13, 1900, at the home of the Regent, Mrs. S. M. Wheelock, to Mrs. John L. Buel, the State Regent, Mrs. John P. Sterling, Vice-President General of the National Society, and Miss Clara Lee Bowman, State Vice-Regent, and also a complimentary luncheon on June 3, 1914, for our Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Kinney. We have observed four of the anniversaries of the establishment of our

Chapter, the tenth, the fifteenth, the twenty-fifth, and the thirtieth with delightful luncheons. At the celebration of our twenty-fifth anniversary in May, 1922, we had as guests of honor the President General of the National Society, Mrs. George Maynard Minor; our State Regent, Mrs. Bissell; and the Vice-President

General of the National Society, Mrs. John L. Buel.

It would be impossible to enumerate, in a brief space, the many activities of the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter for the past thirty-one years. All of our Regents have given enthusiastically of time and energy to the work of the Chapter and under their leadership much has been accomplished, the reviewing of which encourages us to meet with greater faithfulness present opportunities for service.

Organizing Regent Mary Hope Bugbee was born in Woodstock, Connecticut, the third child of Edwin Sumner Bugbee and Frances Agatha (Thurber), attended the District School in the "Bugbee Neighborhood" and finished at Woodstock Academy. She was married first to Mr. Benjamin F. Medbury of Providence and second to Mr. Ebenezer Bishop of Woodstock. She is a member of the Congregational Church of Putnam, Connecticut.

The forming of a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Putnam was conceived by her, and on May 14, 1897, she was made its first Regent, assisting largely in obtaining proof of lineage for the fifty charter members. Her own right to membership is through Dr. David Holmes of Woodstock who was a member of the Field and Staff of the Eighth Regiment Continental, under Colonel John Chandler, serving as Surgeon. He was the Grandfather of Oliver Wendell Holmes.

She has been an active member of the D. A. R. since the Chapter was organized, was made permanent chairman of the Wolf Den committee, has held the offices of Historian, Librarian, Registrar and Treasurer. On the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Chapter she was again chosen Regent for two years. In the

state she has served as Councilor twice, and is at present serving as State Consulting Registrar. In the Ellsworth Memorial Association she was appointed to represent Windham County in furnishing the Ellsworth Homestead. She is a member of the National Committee on Genealogical Research. She was appointed by Governor Lake to represent Windham County at the Tercentenary celebration

at Plymouth.

Mrs. Bishop has been a member of the Mayflower Society since 1911. She is descended from John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, both passengers on the Mayflower. She is also a member of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America in descent from Edward Bugbee who settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts and his son Joseph Bugbee, who settled in Woodstock, Connecticut, with the Colony in 1686, and from Hezekiah Bugbee, the Patriot who served as Ensign in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Bishop is a Life Member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Helen A. Manning Kent, daughter of James W. and Emily Fitts Manning. Born in Pomfret, Conn., July 28, 1849. Attended the Lincoln Private School in Providence, R. I., and finished her education at Vassar College in 1870. Married September 4, 1872 to John Bryden Kent, M. D., a native of Truro, N. S. They had one son, Dr. James M. Kent of Larchmont, New York. He served in the World War in the Medical Corps earning the rank of Major. She belonged to the First Baptist Church of Putnam, was a charter member of the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter and had served in every office. Her death

occurred July 12, 1927.

Mary Abigail Blake Nichols was born in Medina, Michigan, April 6, 1853; educated in the public schools of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was graduated from Mrs. Bryan's Seminary in Batavia, New York, in 1873. Later she studied in the Massachusetts Normal Art School of Boston and became Superintendent of Drawing in the schools of Grand Rapids. She married George Harrison Nichols of Thompson, Conn., March 27, 1897. She was a charter member of Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, D. A. R., of which she has been Regent, Vice-Regent, Historian, Registrar and Corresponding Secretary. She has held various offices in the town of Thompson.

Ellen S. Sharpe Shaw was born in Pomfret, Conn., April 10, 1856. Married May 10, 1875, George Eaton Shaw of Putnam, where her life was spent. She was prominent in the affairs of the town. She had a beautiful voice and for years gave her services in the choir of the Second Congregational Church. She was very active in the formation of Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, and was Regent 1903 to 1905. The purchase of the Wolf Den property as well as Cargill Park were greatly furthered by her assistance. Her daughter, Mrs. Silas M. Wheelock,

survives her.

Miss S. Elizabeth Clarke, born February 24, 1860, at Putnam, Connecticut. Graduate of Putnam High School and one year at Mt. Holyoke College. Mem-Treasurer, Registrar, Viceber of Second Congregational Church, Putnam. Regent and Regent of Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter. Her death occurred

June 21, 1925.

Ruth Elizabeth Shaw Wheelock, daughter of George Eaton and Ellen S. Sharpe Shaw, was born in Putnam, Conn., March 10, 1876. Educated in Putnam schools, graduated from Cushing Academy in 1895. She married, October 18, 1899, Silas Mandeville Wheelock of Putnam where she is active in affairs of the town. During the war, she was Red Cross Production Secretary in charge of supplies, also served in Bond drives. She is the mother of four children, three of whom are living. Her Church affiliation is the Second Congregational, and she is a member of the Mayflower Descendants, in line from Isaac Alterton, wife Mary, and daughter Lydia Cushman, also Richard Warren. Member of Society of Founders and Patriots and direct descendant of Thomas Hooker of Hartford, and Colonial Governor Clarke of R. I. Regent of Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter 1909-1911, has also served as Registrar and Secretary. Member of Connecticut Council under Mrs. Buel, 1912-1913.

Mrs. Abbie Laura Page Daniels, born March 20, 1859 at Candia, N. H. Married October 26, 1881 to Frederick Daniels. Three children. Member of Congregational Church from childhood. Historian, Corresponding Secretary,

Librarian and Regent of Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter.

Mrs. Carrie Clark Ballard, born in Webster, Mass., March 9, 1866. Married

Newton A. Ballard, September 20, 1893. Two sons, Kenneth Clark Ballard and Stanton Wallis Ballard. Member First Baptist Church, Putnam, Vice-Regent and

Regent D. A. R. Society.

Miss Ellen M. Wheelock, daughter of Eugene A. and Sarah Taft Wheelock. Born in Putnam, Conn., March 20, 1873. Attended Bishop Hopkins Hall, Burlington, Vermont, and Miss Capen's School, Northampton, Mass. A charter member of the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, and served as Regent, Vice-Regent, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Historian. Also served as State Chairman of Conservation and Thrift Committee.

Jane Elizabeth Warner, born at Putnam, Conn., March 10, 1866. Graduated from public schools in Putnam and took a partial course at Wellesley College. Married to Edgar M. Warner, August 3, 1887. Children: Frances Lester, born July 19, 1888; Gertrude Chandler, born April 16, 1890; John A. Carpenter, born July 12, 1893. Member of Second Congregational Church since early youth. Especially interested in schools and young people. Worked many years in the church school and young peoples' societies. First woman chairman of Town School Committee, serving in that capacity for seven years.

Minnie Bosworth deCoudres, born July 31, 1875, at Hutchinson, Minnesota. Married Thomas deCoudres June 22, 1903. Two daughters. Member of D. A. R. Society, Daughters of Founders and Patriots and the Mayflower Society.

Elvira Kingsbury Andrews Barber was born in Shelburne, Mass., June 9, 1864; graduated from Wellesley College June, 1890, with the Degree A. B.; taught school twelve years; married William Russell Barber September 27, 1899; had four children, three living; united with the Second Congregational Church, 1900.

Sarah Carroll Crosby, born at Thompson, Conn., February 16, 1882. Graduate of Roxbury High School, Boston, Mass., and Department of Hygiene and Physical Education, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass. Supervisor of Physical Education in the Northampton Public Schools, Northampton, Mass., 1902-1919; member of Connecticut Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America; Vice-Regent of Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, D. A. R., 1925-1927; Regent of

Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, D. A. R., 1927-1929.

Miss Ellen Douglas Larned, Historian of Windham County, was born at Thompson, Conn., July 13, 1825. She passed her long life of 86 years in her native town. She chose for her life work the historical research of Windham County, Connecticut, and its various towns, which was later embodied in her wellknown "History of Windham County" (2 Vols. 1874-1880), notable for accuracy, thoroughness and literary skill. In 1899 Miss Larned published "Historic Gleanings" and a series of genealogical sketches of Thompson's First Families. She recorded daily for over fifty years the weather conditions on Thompson Hill. The "Hartford Courant" printed many articles from her pen pertaining to this subject. The erection of the Thompson Library in 1901 was largely due to her initiative. In recognition of this work, in 1906, a fine oil portrait of Miss Larned was given to the Library by her town's people. Miss Larned was one of the Vice-Presidents of the Connecticut Historical Society for several years. She was a charter member and Honorary Historian of the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, D. A. R. She died at Thompson, Conn., January 31, 1912. Judge Isaac N. Mills of New York paid the following tribute to Miss Larned at her funeral: "She belonged to that aristocracy of brain and conscience which has rendered New England so famous. She was great in intellect, great in study, great in honesty, and great in the art of expression by the written word."

Frances Lester Warner (Mrs. Mayo Dyer Hersey) was born at Putnam, Conn., July 19, 1888. She was prepared in the public schools of Putnam for Mt. Holyoke College from which she graduated in 1911 with Phi Beta Kappa standing. While in college her natural gifts as an essayist were demonstrated by contributions to the college magazine. For one year she was editor-in-chief of the "Mt. Holyoke" after having served an apprenticeship on the editorial staff. After graduation she taught English in High Schools in Newtonville and Worcester, Mass. Later she was Assistant Professor in English at Mt. Holyoke College and Wellesley College. For one year she was Assistant to the Editor of the Atlantic Monthly. On June, 24, 1922, she was married to Mayo Dyer Hersey, a Physicist in the Bureau of Mines, Pittsburgh, and later in the Bureau of Standards at Washington. Mr. Hersey is also of distinguished Revolutionary

ancestry and was named for his uncle, Admiral Mayo Dyer of the United States Navy in the Spanish War. Miss Warner's specialty is the narrative essay. She is the author of many essays published in leading magazines and of the following books: Endicott and I, Pilgrim Trails, Life's Minor Collisions (jointly with her sister, Gertrude C. Warner), Groups and Couples, Surprising the Family, Twenty Miles Out, The Unintentional Charm of Men.

GERTRUDE W. PERRY, Historian.

EMMA HART WILLARD CHAPTER

Berlin

Organized February 18, 1895 No. 26 Members 68

Meets third Thursday, from October to May, inclusive.

The Emma Hart Willard Chapter, D. A. R., was organized February 18, 1895, and the following fifteen names signed the application for a Charter: Mrs. Leander Bunce, Miss Alice Norton, Miss Sara Norton, Miss Marjory Moore, Miss Mary Hall, Miss Edith Hall, Mrs. Walter Gwatkins, Mrs. George Sage, Mrs. Sidney Cowles, Mrs. Arthur Upson, Mrs. William Woodsworth, Mrs. Martin Durham, Mrs. Samuel Hart, Miss J. Elizabeth Hollister, Miss Harriet Hollister.

The Charter was granted May 29, 1896, and the number is 236.

Miss Alice Norton was the first Regent; Mrs. George Sage, Secretary; Mrs. Woodsworth, Registrar; Miss Edith Hall, Treasurer, and Mrs. Leander Bunce, Historian.

As was wholly fitting, the Chapter took the name of Emma Hart Willard, the town of Berlin being the birthplace and early home of Emma Hart Willard, and she being a pioneer in the higher education of women.

Emma Hart Willard was born in Berlin, Connecticut, February 23, 1787, being the ninth child of Captain Samuel Hart and his second wife, Lydia Hinsdale. She was descended on her maternal side from Thomas Hooker, and on

her paternal side from Stephen Hart.

Possessing a brilliant mind, she early developed a love of teaching which became the "ruling passion" of her life. At seventeen years of age she taught an Academy in Berlin, Connecticut; at twenty, an Academy in Westfield, Massachusetts, and then became head of the Middlebury, Vermont, Female Academy. In 1807 three different states desired to acquire her services in their Academies, but finding conditions best suited to her lofty ideals in Westfield, Massachusetts, she became Preceptress of the Academy there.

In 1809, at the age of twenty-two, Emma Hart married Dr. John Willard. The winter of 1818 she spent in Albany, New York, working out a plan to be brought before the New York legislature to improve the female sex by education. This plan, approved by Governor Clinton, was the first law ever made by any Legislature to improve by education the female sex, and Troy Seminary, founded two years after, introduced higher mathematics and a course sufficiently complete

to qualify pupils for any station in life.

Success crowned the indefatigable exertions of our Mrs. Willard and the school thus founded increased from year to year in numbers and facilities until some four hundred pupils had access to the science and literature of the colleges. Pupils came from all parts of the Union, Canada and even the West Indies and Mrs. Willard attained the highly deserved honor of being the first and most suc-

cessful female educator in America.

In 1830 she visited France, England, Scotland. The returns from the published volumes of her travels were devoted to the cause of female education in Greece. Many educational works are the product of her pen. Among those of a more religious and lighter vein, I mention but a few: "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." At the celebration of the second centennial anniversary of the Settlement of Farmington, in 1840, a historical poem entitled "Our Fathers" was read, also "Bride Stealing," a tale of New England.
At Troy Female Seminary, Mrs. Willard spent her best days, and here she

died, April 15, 1870, at the age of eighty-three years.

Thus was the Chapter organized with the name of its Patron Saint, a name to lift to higher ideals and lofty aspirations, those who became members of the Emma Hart Willard Chapter, D. A. R.

In 1913 an appropriate Boulder was placed by Emma Hart Willard Chapter,

D. A. R., marking the birthplace of Emma Hart Willard, upon which is the following inscription: "Emma Hart Willard, 1787-1870; Almira Hart Lincoln Phelps, 1793-1884, Educators and Authors, This stone is reared by Emma Hart Willard Chapter, D. A. R., Berlin, Connecticut, 1913."
The Chapter has the honor of having had one Real Daughter among its



Emma Hart Willard



Alice Norton

membership: Mrs. Emily Savage Roys. Selah Savage, (father of Mrs. Roys) although barely fifteen years of age, with other soldiers from Berlin, Connecticut, (then a part of Farmington) marched to Boston, and served during the siege of that city and fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The Roys Monument in Wilcox Cemetery, East Berlin, Connecticut, has been

appropriately marked by the Emma Hart Willard Chapter, D. A. R.

Miss Alice Norton, first Regent of Emma Hart Willard Chapter, is one whose influence has been, and always will be felt in the Chapter, and its varied activities. Eight of the thirty-three years of the Chapter history she was its Regent and she also served as Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar, also on many committees, among them the one which cared for the graves of the father and mother of Emma Hart Willard, the one which restored Christian Lane Cemetery, and the one which marked the birthplace of Emma Hart Willard.

Beyond our own Chapter, Miss Norton was well known in State Organization, and her clear judgment sought as a member of the State Regents Council, State Reciprocity Bureau, one of the first directors of the Ellsworth Memorial Association, a member of the first Committee on Patriotic Education.

Miss Norton died February 21, 1926, her death being a great loss to our Chapter. As a Memorial to Miss Norton, the Chapter is to place a Chair, appropriately marked, in the New Auditorium now being constructed in Washington,

District of Columbia.

Past Regents of the Emma Hart Willard Chapter, D. A. R., 1895-1927: Miss Alice Norton, 1895-1899; Mrs. Sidney Cowles, 1899-1901; Mrs. George H. Sage, 1901-1903; Miss Alice Norton, 1903-1905; Miss Mary E. Atwater, 1905-1908; Mrs. Howard J. Pratt, 1908-1910; Mrs. Ernest W. Mildrum, 1910-1912; Mrs. Elmer E. Austin, 1912-1914; Mrs. Samuel A. Fisk, 1914-1916; Miss Emily S. Brandegee, 1916-1917; Miss Alice Norton, 1917-1919; Mrs. Roger M. Griswold, 1919-1921; Mrs. George F. Dodd, 1921-1923; Mrs. Elizabeth J. Wickwire, 1923-1925; Mrs. Elmer W. Stearns, 1925-1927; Miss Caroline K. Savage, 1927.

During the Regency of Mrs. Howard Pratt the work of restoring Christian Lane Cemetery was undertaken and carried to a successful finish. In this ground

the first settlers of the Town of Berlin and New Britain were buried.

A boulder of the glacial period, found in this town and inscribed with the names of the Founders, was placed in the cemetery, and a Memorial Gateway made of cobblestones, has a tablet on which is inscribed "Christian Lane Cemetery, first burial 1710, Restored 1909 by Emma Hart Willard Chapter, D. A. R."

September 20th was the day chosen to mark the Restoration of the Old Cemetery in Great Swamp District, and also to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Agreement between said society and the Reverend William Burnham respecting his settlement in 1709 as a minister of the Gospel in that part of Farmington village which was Great Swamp.

Professor David N. Camp of New Britain gave an Historical address, followed by Miss Emily Brandegee, who spoke on "The Forefathers of the Hamlet." "Advance Work of the Connecticut Chapters" was the address by Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel, State Regent.

A permanent fund secures care for the cemetery for all time, and we sincerely hope, and earnestly believe never again will this resting place of our forefathers be allowed to become an eyesore and disgrace to those who honor and respect the burial place of those who struggled to establish homes in this "wilderness."

In 1914 a service was held under the auspices of the Emma Hart Willard Chapter, D. A. R., in commemoration of the presentation of an organ, in 1790, to the Second Congregational Church of Berlin, Connecticut, by Jeddiah Norton. At this service, Miss Alice Norton gave an exhaustive sketch of early organs in America, also a sketch of the life of Jeddiah Norton, one of Miss Norton's early ancestors. A history of the church in 1790 was given by Reverend Mr. Fisk. The fine musical tone of the present organ was shown to advantage by the finished playing of Mrs. Herbert Damon, the organist.

The Chapter has contributed to the Social Worker at Ellis Island, to the Springfield National College, to the Berry School at Rome, Georgia, and has also furnished large numbers of Manuals to our new Americans. The Chapter has secured a "Treasure Chest" made of wood of the old Burnham House, to contain all papers belonging to the Chapter and also all other articles of value. The chest is kept in the rooms of the Berlin Library. Prizes for the night school pupils in the town of Berlin, Connecticut, doing the best all-round work, have

been furnished by the Chapter.

Thus the Emma Hart Willard Chapter, D. A. R. has, we think, kept in line with the requests of the National Society, D. A. R., in perpetuating the memory and the spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence by the protection of historic spots, and the erection of monuments, by historic research, in relation to the Revolution, by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individuals, of Revolutionary soldiers and Patriots, and by the promotion of all patriotic anniversaries.

> CAROLINE MOORE BAUER, Historian, Emma Hart Willard Chapter.

ESTHER STANLEY CHAPTER

New Britain

Organized November 30, 1894 No. 23 Members 177

Meets first Friday in the month from November to May.

Esther Stanley Chapter, D. A. R., was named for Esther (Cowles) Stanley, wife of Thomas Stanley, 2nd, and mother of Gad Stanley who served as Captain in the war of the Revolution. The organizing meeting of the Chapter was held at the home of Mrs. Frederick N. Stanley, November 30, 1894. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Regent, Mrs. F. N. Stanley; Vice-Regent, Mrs. J. A. Pickett; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Charles Wetmore; Treasurer, Miss Carrie Peck; Registrar, Miss Kate Brown; Historian, Mrs. Charles J. Parker; Advisory Board, Miss Alice Stanley, Miss Katherine Stanley, Mrs. A. Corbin, Mrs. T. W. Wilbor.

List of Charter Members: Mrs. F. N. Stanley, Mrs. A. Corbin, Miss Kate Brown, Mrs. E. P. Swasey, Mrs. Charles Wetmore, Mrs. Nathan Miller, Mrs. Charles J. Parker, Mrs. S. W. Rockwell, Miss Carrie Peck, Miss Alice Stanley, Mrs. J. A. Pickett, Mrs. John B. Talcott, Miss Fannie Brown, Mrs. Daniel Griswold, Miss Katherine Stanley, Mrs. T. W. Wilbor, Mrs. A. H. Stanley, Mrs.

E. D. Davison, Mrs. Alice B. Moore.

In honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Chapter, Mrs. William F. Brooks wrote the story of those years from which most of this history is copied. Mrs. Brooks was Organizing Registrar, 1894; Vice-Regent, 1911-1914; Regent, 1914-1917; Recording Secretary, 1917-1920; State Council; a member of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots, serving as Historian 1920-1922, 1923-1927.

"Those first years were spent in persuading timid friends to look up their



Mrs. John B. Talcott



Mrs. Howard S. Parsons



Mrs. W. C. Hungerford



Mrs. Charles J. Parker



Mrs. Frederick Stanley



Mrs. William F. Brooks



Mrs. Charles Wetmore



Mary S. Whittlesey



Mrs. Rufus N. Hemingway

lines in order to join the Chapter and in offering to relatives the inducement of a common ancestor. In fact, Gad Stanley, son of Esther, became a sort of blanket offer under whose protection eleven daughters that first year entered the Chapter with comparative ease and in perfect security. It is recorded that when Mrs. Alice Moore Stanley's term as Regent was ended, by a rising vote she was made Honorary Regent for life; and now each year on Memorial Day her grave is visited and loving hands place thereon a wreath tied with blue.

When Mrs. Amy Hazen Talcott succeeded to the honor and responsibilities of the Regent office we were proceeding along paths more or elss outlined by the General Society. Mrs. Nellie Eno Parker's regency began with a study of Colonial days. The Pilgrims and the Puritans, the latter denying himself to bring education to his child, the Influence of the Pulpit, Colonial Art and Architecture, The Furnishing of a Colonial House, Pewter, Old Silver, Spinning and Spinners, Corner Cupboards and Sundials, Miniature Paintings and Historic

China were each in turn treated by a lover of the theme.

Our aid as a Chapter was sought in helping to secure for all time by purchase, the original Nathan Hale School House in New London and we gave under the same condition to the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter for the purchase of a small park containing the Wolf Den at Pomfret and also to a Memorial Fund for the Connecticut Ellsworth House and the bronze tablet placed in our local library with the names of the Revolutionary Soldiers of this Town.

I cannot leave Mrs. Parker's term of service without a word concerning the debt which Esther Stanley owes its first Historian. Every event in history was a subject for her pen and with her retirement from office of Regent the Chapter

lost its most able and active leader along historic lines.

The graves of the men enlisted from that part of Farmington which is now New Britain and from The Great Swamp Parish, have been properly marked for the first time, flowers too have been placed there, and for the first time a flag floats beside the slab of brown stone which recorded their passing generations ago.

Mrs. Estelle Corbin Wetmore was the natural successor to the Chair of Esther Stanley Chapter. She had been closely allied with the Chapter's interests since

its organization by her cousin and was its first Recording Secretary.

At an early meeting when the State Regent, Mrs. Kinney, was the guest of the Chapter, she begged us to turn our attention and make our gifts to those less fortunate, and as we had practically finished the historic work we would better turn to the educational. As we had no site to mark, we turned to real work and in common with many Chapters throughout the land, we contributed something toward the education of the Mountain Whites of Tennessee, Kentucky and the Carolinas. The Chapter gave its quota to the San Francisco Relief Fund and responded to an appeal for aid to the sufferers from the Spanish War. Nor was opportunity lacking in our own general Society. Memorial Continental Hall at Washington reminded us many times of the Proverbial Horse Leech's daughter and like that scriptural person was forever crying "Give." In fact, we used to say if the treasurer's book showed a balance at the year's end, "there are the Bronze Doors and Connecticut's Marble Column to pay for." But our capacity to give was growing; like the snow ball, which always gathers to itself, we were keeping all our former interests and taking on more. One of our Secretaries is reported as saying "It is what our interest goes out to that stamps us, either as individuals or as a Chapter." This truth was borne out during the Regency of Mrs. Charlotte Olmstead Hungerford, when our Chapter gained a reputation for broadmindedness and for far horizons. The Chapter was not allowed to pass by an opportunity for service or to forego anything which promised profit or pleasure to its members. If the treasury could not furnish the wherewithal to bestow upon the many worthy claims presented, the money was raised either on the spot through the enthusiastic game of "Follow the Leader," or by the slower way of Food Sales, Fairs, or Bridge Tables. To quote again from Mrs. Humason, "Our Regent has but to ask and the answer is as one voice."

It was during Mrs. Hungerford's occupancy of the coveted Chair that Esther Stanley entertained the Chapters of Connecticut at their Annual State Convention, an undertaking entered upon with fear, carried on with determination and finished with great credit to all concerned. Those were the days when the

Chapter was delightfully entertained by its own members.



MRS. LAURENCE MOUAT State Historian, 1925-1929 Compiler of this History

Mrs. Parker and Mrs. F. J. Porter, returning from different countries of the old world, gave their varied experiences and Mrs. Kinney, returning from the unveiling of the Lafayette Memorial, shared the pleasure and divided the honors

among the Chapters.

We had a series of tableaux arranged by Miss Gertrude Wetmore, now Mrs. Merriam, and we were entertained at the Hartford Club and the Ellsworth Home. But it is chiefly for the music which she brought to the Chapter that we recall the service rendered our Chapter by its fifth Regent. At a State Meeting when Mary Silliman Chapter of Bridgeport entertained, Mrs. Hungerford gave a paper entitled "Songs that have inspired Patriotism," each National air being suitably rendered as a solo or by a quartette. By unanimous request this delightful form of entertainment was repeated at a Chapter reception. Her four years' accomplishments called for a tribute and Mrs. Felt on behalf of the members thanked Mrs. Hungerford for her labor and enthusiasm in bringing Esther Stanley Chapter

into its prominent position among the other Chapters of the State.

Mrs. Wetmore again became our Regent and during her second term, we cleaned up one corner of the National debt. The Bronze Doors of the Continental Hall were hung in place, suitably inscribed, and two plays were given, "The Mocking Bird" and "Pinafore" realizing a profit of \$4,200 which was expended on local charities. Large as the sum was the expenditure of time and enthusiasm was greater on the part of Mrs. Wetmore and her family and the young people who supported her; greater too, was the joy which, as a Chapter, we felt in the bestowal of the gifts to needed charities. Between the gracious bestowal of the little silver and blue Regent's pin upon Mrs. Brooks in May, 1914, and the first occasion for wearing it in November, the sinister, the momentous second of August had intervened, where there had been social unrest, now there was conflict, and the forces for good and evil were released which were to contend for four and a half years. The governing body decreed that our present duty was to be prepared, and every state swing into line. Mrs. Buel, our State Regent, while realizing that new occasions teach new duties, scarcely paused for adjustment to the new demands and holding her lamp high she not only shed light upon her many bewildered and groping Chapters, but became, at the National Board at Washington, a light, an authority on ways and means for co-operating with the allied Relief and Red Cross Societies as well as devising independent ways and channels for various committees whose regular ways and channels no longer existed. Esther Stanley followed in line and entered another phase of development. By public lectures we strove to create sympathy and gain enthusiasm to work for and to give to the stricken people of France and Belgium. It was a wise woman who planned to clear the way for future obligations war-wise by striving to cancel the debt upon Continental Hall. Connecticut took a \$5,000 bond to clear off, our Chapter assumed our quota and our voluntary payment of 25 feet of land adjoining, and in line with old obligations \$98 was raised on the floor for Mr. Maplesden of Suffield Institute.

We were asked for clothing and money to send to French Soldiers and were able to send seven boxes of socks, shoes, underwear, blankets and towels that first year and to show how far in advance of Uncle Sam our National Society's demands were, we had to pay the entire cost of expressage from New Britain to a French port. Mrs. Rapelye gained sixty-six new members among Esther Stanley's

membership for the Red Cross and collected \$100.

Miss Mary Whittlesey was elected at this time as Regent and served during the war. The Chapter co-operated with the local Red Cross Society, gifts of money for wool thus making the gift complete of knitted sets, for the station at Mineola. Money and clothing for Belgian relief and for Madame Duryea's boxes, assuming the support of war orphans and subscribing to Liberty Bonds are some of the activities which engaged the Regent and her Chapter. As a Chapter we subscribed \$150 towards the National Society's pledge of \$100,000 worth of Liberty Bonds. We gave our quota of the \$50,000 needed to restore a French village. Each member was personally interviewed and the result was one hundred per cent. membership in the Red Cross. The motto chosen by our Regent for the period of the war and after, "not for self but for Country," became her personal motto and might have been seen over her entrance door, emblazoned on her motor car as she went to and fro, on her many self-imposed tasks. Patriotism in any form appealed to her and no request made at headquarters seemed either

trivial or too stupendous. We had two members working in with the soldiers, Miss Flora Humphrey, now Mrs. William Bentley, acted the part of hostess at the Y. W. Hut at Camp Devens and later became a director of the Hostess House at Air Service Department, Garden City, Long Island, and Miss Katherine Wilbor, now Mrs. Ernest Smith, served in construction work at the Walter Reed Hospital at Washington."

Miss Whittlesey was Registrar, Historian, 1902-1904 1914-1917; Vice-Regent, 1907-1909; Regent, 1917-1920; Auditor, 1923-1926; State Councillor, 1921-1923; served on committee of war records, 1920. President of Connecticut Chapter of the National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, 1924. Councillor of Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century Commonwealth of Massachusetts Society. Member of Society of Daughters of Colonial Wars, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a member of the Colonial Dames.

Mrs. Laurence Mouat was the next to take the Chair and her work was largely raising the money to pay for the "History of New Britain" we were having compiled by Miss Lillian Hart Tryon which was finished at a later date as our special work had been accomplished and we did not have much but our regular work.

Mrs. Hemmenway, the next Regent, was again confronted with the State Meeting but this time we knew better what was expected and we enjoyed our day with Mrs. Cook, the President General, as our guest with others.

Mrs. Howard Parsons, our present Regent, is carrying on the work as laid out

in the past

Three of our members have served as Pages at the National Congress, Miss Ruth Stanley, now Mrs. Harry Bates, Miss Margaret Eddy, now Mrs. Joseph Hooker, and Mrs. Howard Parsons.

We have met all our quotas and given to the different schools and colleges that the Society is helping to support.

REGENTS AND VICE-REGENTS

Mrs. Frederick Stanley was the first Regent, Mrs. Andrew Pickett, Vice-Regent. Mrs. John B. Talcott succeeded her, and then Mrs. C. J. Parker. From 1904 to 1907, Mrs. Charles Wetmore, Regent; Mrs. Frank J. Porter, Vice-Regent. 1907 to 1910, Mrs. William C. Hungerford, Regent; Miss Mary S. Whittlesley, Vice-Regent. 1910 to 1911, Mrs. Hungerford, Regent; Mrs. Buel C. Bassette, Vice-Regent. 1912-13-14, Mrs. Charles Wetmore, Regent; Mrs. William F. Brooks, Vice-Regent. 1915-16-17, Mrs. William Brooks, Regent; Mrs. William C. Hungerford, Vice-Regent. Miss Mary Whittlesley and Mrs. Edward Schultz served from 1917 to 1920. From 1920 to 1923, Mrs. Laurence Mouat and Mrs. E. Allen Moore. From 1923 to 1926, Mrs. Rufus N. Hemmenway and Mrs. Howard S. Parsons. 1926 to 1929, Mrs. Howard Parsons and Mrs. Harry M. Bates.

(MRS. J. H.) NELLIE G. ROBINSON, Historian.

EUNICE DENNIE BURR CHAPTER

Fairfield

Organized April 19, 1894 No. 17

Members 113

Meets first Tuesday of each month, except July, August and September.

The Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, D. A. R., Fairfield, Conn., was organized April 19, 1894, with sixteen members enrolled. Mrs. William B. Glover was the first Regent and held that office until 1902 when Miss Mary Kippen was elected. Miss Kippen served six years, two terms, and was succeeded in 1908 by Mrs. Frank S. Child. Then followed in 1911, Mrs. Helen Turney Sharps; in 1914, Mrs. William B. Glover; in 1917, Mrs. Charles B. Jennings, who resigned at the end of one year on account of ill health, Mrs. William Paulding finishing out the unexpired term. In 1920 Mrs. Fred A. Burr became Regent; in 1923, Mrs. William B. Glover, and in 1926, Mrs. Thomas B. Lasher.

The Charter of the Chapter is framed in oak taken from two Colonial houses of Fairfield, built about 1730, and black walnut from a tree on the grounds of

the Gould Homestead.

Since 1894, Fourth of July celebrations have been held on the Green under the auspices of the Chapter. Many men of note have been the speakers on these occasions. The boulder on the Town Green was placed in 1900 and a bronze tablet on it was unveiled during the Fourth of July exercises in 1903. The Chapter

is always represented in the Memorial Day parade, and the graves of the Revolutionary soldiers and patriots are decorated on that day. The Old Burying Ground has been under the care of the Chapter for many years, the old tombstones have been straightened and cleaned, the wall rebuilt, and a Gate erected, with an appropriate tablet.

In 1895 Rev. Frank S. Child, D. D., gave to his book "An Old New England Town," the following dedication: "To the Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Perpetuating the Old-Time and New-Time Spirit

of Patriotism."

Since 1903 the Chapter has offered prizes to pupils of Roger Sherman School in Fairfield Center, \$2.50 for the pupil having the highest standing in United States history, and \$2.50 each to the two showing most improvement in spelling and in penmanship during the year. Also to the students of the Roger Ludlow High School, Fairfield, the George Washington prizes for original work in English are given: first, \$7.50; second, \$5.00; and third, \$2.50. The winning essays are read as a feature of one of our meetings.

In 1914 the copying of the old Probate records at the Town Hall was undertaken under the auspices of the Chapter, also the indexing of the early records in 26 volumes, covering the years 1648 to 1800. The cost of this work was

approximately \$1,200.

The Old Powder House of historical, although not Revolutionary interest, has received some necessary repairs, and a bronze tablet has been put in place by the door. In 1925 papers of incorporation were filed, the by-laws of the old society were adopted and all members of the old unincorporated society elected

members of the corporation.

In May, 1925, the Old Academy built in 1804, was set aside by the Town officials for the joint use of the Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter and the Fairfield Historical Society. Since that time a complete restoration has been effected and the building is now used as a permanent home for the Chapter and the meetings held there. In it are many interesting relics of the olden time, gifts of members of the Chapter.

A record is kept of the deaths of members, also of all children and grand-

children born to any of the members.

On November 11, 1926, Mrs. Fred A. Burr organized a C. A. R. Society, sponsored by the Chapter. It was named the Thaddeus Burr Society, C. A. R., and had 45 charter members. It has divided into two groups, senior and junior. Mrs. Dever H. Warner presented the Society with a Gavel and Block made of oak from an old beam in the Burr Homestead.

The Chapter has shown great interest in Americanization work and has given prizes to pupils for attendance at these classes for adult foreigners, also has sponsored loan exhibits of their handiwork, and a more personal interest by the attendance at the graduating exercises by many members of our Chapter. Bundles of materials are sent to Ellis Island to be used in the work carried on by the D. A. R., Christmas boxes are sent to needy schools, and there is an annual Christmas Stocking party where gifts are brought for the poor children of the town under the care of the Visiting Nurse Association.

The Chapter sends a contribution annually to Maryville College, to the American International College at Springfield, Mass., also a small money gift

to the French orphan adopted by the Chapter during the war.

Two members of the Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter have served on the State Council, Mrs. William B. Glover and Miss Annie Burr Jennings.

EVE LEAR CHAPTER

New Haven

Organized June 24, 1915

No. 50

Members 248

Meets second Monday in each month, October to May, inclusive, with Flag Day meeting in June.

Eve Lear Chapter, D. A. R., derives its name from Eve Lear, daughter of Arnold Lear, closely related to Tobias Lear, Private Secretary to George Washington in 1791-2-3. She married Colonel George Piper, who rendered distinguished service in the great battles of 1776-81, in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

She gave 325 pounds in gold, her entire portion from her father's estate, to Colonel Piper, to buy shoes and clothing for his Company, and by her patriotism, aided in the achievement of American Independence.

HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHAPTER

Eve Lear Chapter, D. A. R., was formally organized on June 24, 1915, Chapter No. 50, at the home of Organizing Regent Mrs. Helen Piper Benedict Manson, who appointed the following officers to serve for one year: Mrs. F. F.







Mrs. Charles F. Messinger



Mrs. Grover Powers

Knous, First Vice-Regent; Mrs. A. S. Holt, Second Vice-Regent; Miss Harriett P. Marsh, Recording Secretary; Mrs. R. A. France, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. C. F. Messinger, Treasurer; Miss Louise Beach, Registrar; Mrs. F. A. Monson, Librarian.

The above with the following were the Charter Members of the Chapter: Winifred L. Alcorn, Carrie A. Crittenden, Myrtle Rhodes Jacoby, Marian Taft, Marjorie Lloyd, Emma W. Burton, Clara M. C. King, Emma L. Barnes Nesbit, Julia T. Camp Allen, Harriett A. K. Bailey, Nellie Day Beach, Laurabett S. Buckingham, Olive Mary Coggswell, Ethel Eleanor Cooke, Nettie C. Beecher Doolittle, Emma Burwell Durham, Mary C. Easterbrook, Nancy A. M. Foote, Katherine B. Gorham, Ida M. F. Hendee, Edith J. Kebabian, Adelaide Lawrence, Caroline A. Matson, Ida Estelle Monroe, Alice R. Carpenter, Isabella E. B. Peck, Ella B. Purdue, Olive C. Russell, Bertha T. States, Ethel T. Stone, Annie S. Camp Sneath, Edna Beach Watts, Alice C. Whittaker, Estelle Bailey, Ella M. Crittenden, Emilie M. Rowe, Frances Dunham Upham, Mary Lloyd, Sophie P. Dawson, Isabella H. Law, Carrie Joy Peck, Ida A. Andrews, Charlena H. Baldwin, Grace J. Beisengel, Lizzie L. S. Caldwell, Carrie E. Seward Colburn, Julia A. Farnham Crocker, Pauline Doolittle, Elizabeth A. L. Earle, Imogene E. Edwards, Alice Porter Ford, Annie W. Hamilton, Agnes M. Hitchcock, Villeroy E. B. Keller, Mary L. Brown Upham, Grace L. Merwin, Celia A. Mansfield, Ida M. B. Parmelee, Ella Myers Peets, Hettie M. Radie, Lillian E. N. Russell, Louisa T. States, Annie S. Talbot, Sarah E. Spencer, Lillian Reed Wescott, Sarah E. S. B. Welch, Jessie W. Baldwin, Martha Elizabeth Davis, Anna G. Goodsell Shepard, Mabel Hanover Welton, M. S. Wadhams (Mrs.), Carrie G. Heald, Mary Agatha A. Mallett, Clara L. Adriance, Annie Judd Austin, Jane E. Bartholomew, Imogene Bennett, Daisy Pierce Chipp, Amy Wadsworth Cooke, Mary E. Platt Deming, Ella A. Dorman, Marjorie Earle, Emilie G. Savage Ensign, Sarah Cooke Goodwin, Lillian E. Heath, Lenora B. Jones, Addie M. Kelsey, Mary Louise Mason, Cynthia R. H. Monroe, Helen L. G. Murdock, Alice N. Peck, Mary Frances Pierce, Jessie T. Sherman, Elsie M. Watrous Sloan, Jennie M. Stone, Louisa M. Ward, Grace A. Staples, Christine C. Wilson-107 members.

The work of the Chapter began at once. A scholarship to Maryville College, Tenn., was voted, which Mrs. Manson supplemented by a second scholarship. During Mrs. Manson's Regency, 1915-1919, the Chapter contributed liberally in time and money, toward War Work, and in the buying of Liberty Bonds; established the Newcomb Burial Fund; met its quota to Connecticut College and Ellsworth Home, and the State and National Associations 100 per cent.; and

aided in the marking of the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers, and of historic

spots.

Three important events are worthy of mention during this Regency, the Patriotic Tableaux given by the Chapter in Foy Auditorium on February 21, 1916; participation of the Chapter in the Yale Pageant in October, 1916; and the holding of the State Conference in Benedict Memorial Presbyterian Church, by

invitation of the Chapter, March 28, 1917.

On the death of Mrs. Manson, July 4, 1919, Mrs. C. F. Messinger was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Regent, and in May, 1922, and again in May, 1925, was re-elected as Regent. During Mrs. Messinger's Regency, 1919-1928, the membership increased from 121 to 261. Each year the Chapter was 100 per cent. in its quota for State and National requests; gave five chairs to Memorial Continental Hall; renewed its subscriptions to International College in Springfield, Martha Berry School and Connecticut College, as well as perpetuating a fund for Marysville College, to be known as "The Helen Beecher Scholarship Fund"; subscribed to the fund for a dormitory in Oxford College, Oxford. Ohio, in memory of the first President-General, Mrs. Caroline Scott Harrison, and for the building of Constitutional Hall in Washington. The Chapter also continued the marking of the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers, and of historic spots, and aided materially in the distribution of the Manual.

The outstanding event during this administration was the presence, on October 19, 1925—the 25th Anniversary of the National Society, and the 10th of Eve Lear Chapter—of Mrs. George Maynard Minor, Honorary President General; Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Charles H. Bissell, State Regent, and Miss Katharine Nettleton, State Vice-Regent, each of whom brought greetings to the Chapter in interesting and appropriate addresses.

The beginning of the term of our present Regent, Mrs. Grover F. Powers, May, 1928, finds the Chapter in a flourishing condition, and while the administration is yet too young to register any new achievements, outstanding in the interest of the members is the movement toward the building of a Chapter House, in which to hold the meetings and carry on the work of the Chapter. "The Chapter House Fund" is already a reality, and it is certain that in the near future, Eve Lear Chapter will be housed in a suitable building of its own.

Biographies of Regents and Honorary Regents

Eve Lear Chapter, D. A. R. has had since its organization, three Regents and three Honorary Regents. The Regents have been Mrs. Helen Piper Benedict Manson, Mrs. Helen Beecher Messinger and Mrs. Beatrice Farnsworth Powers. The Honorary Regents, Mrs. Sarah Bradley Welch, Mrs. Mary A. Cook Knous and

Mrs. Helen Beecher Messinger.

Mrs. Helen Piper Benedict Manson, Organizing Regent. Mrs. Manson was a native of Pennsylvania. She was a great granddaughter of Colonel George Piper and his wife, Eve Lear, for whom the Chapter is named. At the time of her marriage to Mr. Frank W. Benedict, she came to make New Haven her home, and resided here the remainder of her life. After the death of Mr. Benedict, she married Mr. John T. Manson, who still survives her. Mrs. Manson was a woman of strong religious tendencies, and Benedict Memorial Presbyterian Church owes its name and existence to her generosity. Not affiliated with other Patriotic Societies, she was an enthusiastic leader in the organization of Eve Lear Chapter. With splendid foresight, she chose her officers and assistants, and it was this capable band of women who carried on the work during her long illness, which terminated in her death on July 4, 1919.

Mrs. Helen Beecher Messinger. Mrs. Messinger is descended through a long line of Woodbridge and Milford families. Although born in New York City, the earlier years of her life were spent in Woodbridge. She has made New Haven her residence since her marriage to Mr. Charles F. Messinger, January 1, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Messinger are the parents of two sons, Charles Raymond and Clifford Frederick, and have seven grandchildren, all residing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At the organization meeting of Eve Lear Chapter, Mrs. Messinger was appointed Treasurer, and on May 21, 1917, she was elected first Vice-Regent for three years, presiding as Regent at all meetings until the death of Mrs. Manson on July 4, 1919, when she was elected Regent to fill out the unexpired term. She was reelected Regent in 1922 and again in 1925. Mrs. Messinger is a member and faithful attendant of Center Church, Congregational, on the Green. She was for four years Regent of Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, D. A. R. She is a member of the Executive Board of Daughters of Founders and Patriots. She has been State Secretary of the Daughters of American Colonists since 1921. She was the State Secretary for thirteen years and Corresponding Secretary of the National Society of the Daughters of 1812 for four years. She is a member of Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims. She was the organizing President of the New Haven Colony of New England Women, and is on the National Board. She is a member of the Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry.

Mrs. Beatrice Farnsworth Powers. Mrs. Powers was born at Farnsworth Corner, South Lincoln, Massachusetts, a town charming in its proximity to Revolutionary and literary Concord and Lexington, but sharing too, in their historic associations, for Paul Revere rode through the town on "the eighteenth of April in '75," giving the alarm to the Lincoln Minutemen, as well as to those in neighboring towns. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perkins The Farnsworths are descended from Matthias Farnsworth, who Farnsworth. came to New England from England in the early part of the seventeenth century, with the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and lived in Lynn and afterward in Groton and Concord. As a girl, Miss Farnsworth attended Abbot Academy in Andover, Mass., in order to be near a young brother, who was a student at Phillips, Andover, and later finished at Chauncey Hall, the leading private school of those years in Boston. After spending several years in educational work and travel abroad, she turned definitely to the undertaking which had long appealed to her, that of missionary in the medical field. For this work she prepared herself at Johns Hopkins, and followed her study by a summer with the Grenfell unit on the Labrador. Then, for two and a half years, she was on the staff of "Yali" (Yalein-China) at Changslea, China, arriving there after visits in California, Hawaii and Japan. Upon her return to the United States in 1916, Miss Farnsworth married Dr. Grover E. Powers of Lafavette, Indiana, then Instructor and Associate in Clinical Pediatrics in Johns Hopkins University, and now Professor of Pediatrics at Yale University School of Medicine. They have a young son, Ross Farnsworth Powers.

Mrs. Sarah E. S. Bradley Welch, Honorary Regent. Mrs. Welch was born on March 10, 1848, in Woodbury, Conn., the daughter of Phineas Sherman Bradley and Sarah Scoville Porter. She is descended on both sides through a long line of distinguished Colonial families of Connecticut. She received a finished education, and her tastes were distinctly literary. Reared in the Episcopal faith by devoted parents, her life since early girlhood has been devoted to charittable and benevolent work in that Church. She was married to David Thomas Welch, a prominent business man in West Haven, on October 3, 1866, and since that time has been prominently connected with the work of Christ Church Parish in West Haven. Mr. Welch died on March 7, 1897, and Mrs. Welch continued to make West Haven her home. She was Treasurer for three years and Regent for four years, of Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, D. A. R. She is a member of the National Society of Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims, the National Society of New England Women. She is a member of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania. She was State President in 1911 of the United States Daughters of 1812. She is a Connecticut member of the Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, and on the State Council.

Mrs. Mary A. Cook Knous, Honorary Regent. Mary Aurelia Cook was born in Morris, Connecticut, November 29, 1847, the daughter of Charles Ward Cook and Susan Louise Beardsley, one of a family of eight children. She spent her younger years in Hartford, where she graduated from the Hartford High School, later becoming a teacher in the schools of that city. She was married to Mr. Franklin Ferman Knous in Hartford, on September 17, 1873, at Trinity Church. Mrs. Knous for many years has held an enviable record as a genealogist, and has been of invaluable assistance to members of the Chapter, whose proofs of Revolutionary service have presented difficult problems. She was a very early member of the D. A. R., through her affiliation with a Buffalo, New York, Chapter. She is an ex-Regent of Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, and at the organization of Eve Lear Chapter, was appointed first Vice-Regent and, on account of Mrs. Manson's illness, presided as Regent at all excepting two meetings of the Chapter, from its organization, June 24, 1915, until

May 21, 1917, the expiration of her term of office as Vice-Regent. She was voted an Honorary Regent for life, in 1925. She has been a member of the United States Daughters of 1812, and is also a member of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.

Respectfully submitted,

CHLOE WEBSTER JACQUES, Eve Lear Chapter Historian.

January 1, 1929.

FAITH TRUMBULL CHAPTER

Norwich

Organized November 23, 1893

No. 14

Members 182

Meets first Wednesday in each month from October to June, inclusive,

In December, 1892, the National Board, Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington appointed Mrs. William Olcott of Norwich, Honorary State

Regent of Connecticut.

November the twenty-third, 1893, the State Regent of Connecticut, Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim, extended an invitation through the "Norwich Bulletin" to all patriotic women to meet her at "The Elms" on Crescent street, Norwich; about thirty responded. Mrs. Keim addressed the meeting, the records say, with so much eloquence and enthusiasm that nearly every woman present enrolled her name as a member upon proof of her eligibility.

Faith Trumbull Chapter was organized November 23, 1893. The first regular Chapter meeting was held February 3, 1894. At the organization meeting the officers appointed were: Regent, Mrs. Richard Nelson; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Edwin E. Johnson; Recording Secretary, Miss Rosalie Lammon; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Paddock; Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur M. Brewer; Registrar, Miss Caroline Rogers; Historian, Mrs. W. S. C. Perkins.

April the 26th, 1894, the charter was granted. It is framed in wood from the Trumbull house in Lebanon and some choice bits from the Charter Oak of

Hartford are inserted in the corners.

The Chapter was named Faith Trumbull in honor of Madam Trumbull, the wife of Governor Jonathan Trumbull. The Chapter has grown steadily in numbers and in good works. Always dues have been paid and all obligations met. Splendid programs have been given. The work and plans as given out by the National Society and State Society have been carried out by Faith Trumbull. Much enthusiasm has always been felt in this Chapter for all patriotic work. Americanization work, historical and genealogical research. There have been receptions, teas, all kinds of parties for raising money to meet necessary expenses.

The Continental Congress and State Meetings have always been well attended. There is as much interest and enthusiasm in this year as in 1893. As the National work has grown and broadened so has the Chapter work. Up near the Old Norwich Town Green the Chapter has a museum of Revolutionary Relics. People

come from far and near to visit this museum.

Faith Trumbull has done some fine bits of memorial work during its existence. Bronze Gates were placed at the entrance to the cemetery at Norwich Town. A boulder was placed July 4, 1901, to mark the spot where twenty French soldiers were buried, at the time of the Revolutionary War. A drinking fountain was placed on the "Little Plain" for the use of the public. A great party was held on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary. It is hoped the work will ever go on and be a blessing to our children.

MARION OTIS ASHBEY, Historian, Faith Trumbull Chapter.

Regents of Faith Trumbull Chapter are: Mrs. Richard H. Nelson, 1893-1894; Miss Maria P. Gilman, 1894-1895; Mrs. W. S. C. Perkins, 1895-1897; Mrs. B. P. Learned, 1897-1900; Mrs. Channing M. Huntington, 1900-1901; Mrs. Frank A. Roath, 1901-1903; Mrs. Amos A. Browning, 1903-1905; Mrs. B. P. Bishop, 1905-1909; Mrs. W. G. Henderson, 1909-1912; Mrs. Will L. Stearns, 1912-1915; Mrs. C. Leslie Hopkins, 1915-1917; Mrs. William Tyler Browne, 1917-1919; Mrs. Elisha E. Rogers, 1919-1921; Mrs. A. N. H. Vaughn, 1921-1923; Mrs. George

A. Ashbey, 1923-1925; Mrs. William H. Dawley, 1925-1928.

"Faith Trumbull was a daughter of Rev. Mr. John Robinson of Duxbury. Mass. She was married early to Governor Trumbull and for forty-five years

lived an amiable and exemplary life as his honored wife.

During the Revolutionary struggle in exact fulfillment of all the duties which Governor Trumbull's position imposed, peculiarly on his wife, she devoted herself in every form in which a lady could to the cause. She was ever busy rousing charities and superintending contributions for the suffering soldiers of the Revolution, stimulating associations among her own sex to provide them with clothing and sending them encouragement of kind words and grateful compliments.

On the family vault at Lebanon, Conn., is the following epitaph: "Sacred

On the family vault at Lebanon, Conn., is the following epitaph: "Sacred to the memory of Madam Faith Trumbull, the amiable lady of Governor Trumbull, born at Duxbury, Mass., A. D. 1718. Happy and beloved in her connubial state, she lived a virtuous, charitable and christian life at Lebanon in Connecticut,

and died lamented by numerous friends, A. D. 1780, aged 62 years."

During the war, after service on a Sunday or Thanksgiving day, contributions were often taken in church for the benefit of the Continental Army, cash, rings and other jewelry, wearing apparel of all kinds suitable for men, besides

groceries in great variety.

Upon such an occasion in Lebanon Meeting House, Connecticut, after notice given that a collection would be taken for the soldiers, Madam Faith Trumbull rose from her seat near her husband, threw off her magnificent scarlet cloak, a present to her, we hear on good authority, from Count Rochambeau, and advancing near the pulpit laid it on the altar as her offering to those who, in the midst of every want and suffering were fighting the great "Battle of Freedom." It was afterwards taken, cut into narrow strips, and employed as trimming to stripe the dress of the American soldiers. The act was one of peculiar generosity and the example was contagious. From all parts of the congregation donations were at once showered and many overloaded baskets upon this occasion, as upon many others in the same place, were borne from the church to have their contents carefully packed up and sent away to the Army. This act of generosity was supposed to have taken place on the last Sabbath of December, 1777."

(Copied from "The Life of Jonathan Trumbull," by I. W. Stuart.)

FANNY LEDYARD CHAPTER

Mystic

Organized June 8, 1893

No. 10

Members 110

Meets first Wednesday in every month except August.

Fanny Ledyard Chapter was organized June 8, 1893, with sixteen charter members. In the spring of that year a number of patriotic women in Mystic considered forming a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and

Mrs. Eliza Miner Denison was appointed Regent on April 1, 1893.

The name Fanny Ledyard was suggested by Miss Ann Augusta Murphy, the first historian and was enthusiastically adopted in honor of a niece of Colonel Ledyard, in command of Fort Griswold when it was attacked by the British, and so many Americans killed or massacred. Fanny Ledyard "ministered with holy zeal and heroic devotion after the unutterable massacre at Fort Griswold, September 6, 1781," to the dying and wounded men, and earned the love and gratitude of all.

The Regents have been as follows: Mrs. Eliza A. Miner Denison, 1893-1894; Mrs. Ella J. Wheeler, 1894-1895; Mrs. Edith M. N. Morgan, 1895-1897; Mrs. Addie P. Barry, 1897-1899; Mrs. Emma A. Simmons, 1899-1900; Mrs. Phoebe Eldridge Grinnell, 1900-1902; Mrs. Hannah Ashley Rathbun, 1902-1904; Mrs. Edith M. N. Morgan, 1904-1906; Mrs. Ira C. Hoxie, 1906-1908; Mrs. Elizabeth Clark Morgan, 1908-1910; Miss Josephine Dickinson, 1910-1912; Mrs. Ira C. Hoxie, 1912-1914; Mrs. Edith M. N. Morgan, 1914-1915; Mrs. Annie B. G. Tingley, 1915-1917; Mrs. Newton A. Dickson, 1917-1919; Mrs. Edna B. Colby, 1919-1921; Mrs. Carl Cutler, 1921-1922; Miss Josephine Dickinson, 1922-1923; Mrs. Edna Burrows, 1923-1924; Mrs. Adella Beebe Gray, 1924-1925; Mrs.

Alida S. Hill, 1925-1926; Mrs. Eliza Gallup Scott, 1926-1928; Mrs. Estella B.

Bailey, 1928, still in office.

The Chapter has worked along all required lines during these years, holding regular monthly meetings, observing Washington's Birthday and other patriotic occasions, celebrating the birthday of the Chapter, June 8th, of each year, and making annual pilgrimages to Fort Griswold, Groton, Connecticut, each September 6th.

The graves of many Revolutionary Soldiers have been located and marked. Contributions have been made to many worthy objects sponsored by the National Society, D. A. R. During the World War the members entered enthusiastically into all patriotic work and were actively engaged in Red Cross work and practical

self-denial in conservation of materials, etc.

Mrs. Eliza Gallup Scott was elected Regent, June 11, 1926, and re-elected in 1927. The Chapter grew under her able leadership and all activities were carried on, the membership reaching 104 active members and seven non-active members.

Mrs. Estella W. B. Bailey, elected Regent June 11, 1928, is still in office. The outstanding event since that date was the dedication of the Memorial to 261 veterans of the World War, which was erected at the top of Baptist Hill, Mystic, on the Boston Post Road, and unveiled on Armistice Day, Sunday, November 11, 1928, with appropriate exercises. The movement to erect this memorial was started by Fanny Ledyard Chapter in April, 1925, and a committee appointed to confer with representatives of various organizations in Mystic. The Chapter participated in the exercises, marching in the procession and standing near the Memorial during the speeches and singing, and also placed a wreath at the base of the Memorial. A copy of the proceedings of the first public meeting, sponsored by Fanny Ledyard Chapter, was deposited in a receptacle in the cornerstone.

The Chapter is in a flourishing condition, but has been sadly afflicted in the deaths, recently, of eight members, two of whom were charter members. Only two of the sixteen charter members are now living, Mrs. Ella G. Wheeler and

Mrs. Edith M. N. Morgan.

Meetings are held regularly and a live interest in all D. A. R. work is evident. CAROLINE NORTH STARK, Historian.

Fanny Ledyard Chapter, Mystic.

FREELOVE BALDWIN STOW CHAPTER

Milford

Organized March 27, 1897

7 No. 32

Members 124

Meets first Thursday of each month.

In February, 1896, a small group of patriotic women considered the advisability of asking admission into Mary Clap Wooster Chapter of New Haven. Mrs. Mary Hepburn Smith of Milford and Washington, D. C., decided there was enough material here in Milford and that we should have a Chapter of our own.

Mrs. Kinney (then State Regent of Connecticut) came and on March 27, 1896, Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter was organized with forty-seven charter members. Fifteen of these are living and Mrs. Joseph R. Clark has been our Treasurer for thirty-two years. The only person to hold office continuously

since our organization.

Mrs. Mary Hepburn Smith was elected Regent. "Faithfully, generously, and well she fulfilled the office" until she died, October 30, 1912, with the exception of a short time when she acted as Vice-President General. Mrs. Mary Merwin Tibbals was elected Regent in her absence. In fact, Mrs. Tibbals had acted as Mrs. Smith's deputy for six months each year when Mrs. Smith resided in Washington.

Mrs. Tibbals was elected Regent in June, 1913, and this office she filled until 1915. At first the meetings were held monthly at the home of different members, but as the membership rapidly increased it became a problem how to find homes large enough. So plans were launched and they worked to raise money in every

possible way for a building fund.

Mrs. Smith purchased the property on Broad street facing the Green and

presented it to the Chapter with the understanding that they were to build the house. In October, 1907, Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter was incorporated. The Regent contributed the first \$1,000 toward the house. The sixty odd members, courageous indeed, worked and worked hard to earn the necessary amount.

On June 17, 1907, Mrs. Smith dug the first shovelful of earth from the cellar of the new house on Broad street. On July 27, 1907, (Mrs. Smith's Birthday) the cornerstone was laid. In October of the same year our Chapter House was finished and dedicated, but the work of raising the money to pay for it went on harder than ever until August 21, 1911, the proud day when the indebtedness was lifted and a good balance left in the treasury. This Chapter House, built as a memorial, has not only served the D. A. R. but other patriotic societies in Milford. In fact, it has been the center from which much of the welfare work of this town has been carried on. During the World War it was the headquarters of all the Red Cross work of Milford. The Visiting Nurse has been given the use of one room and the Child Welfare work accomplished there is not to be estimated. It is used by the Girl Scouts and the C. A. R. and in fact serves this community in many ways.

On October 22, 1923, we formed a C. A. R. The Captain Charles Pond Chapter, which has been a splendid, live organization. On June 29, 1926, the first State C. A. R. meeting was held here.

On December 29, 1925, our Chapter House was badly damaged by fire and the loss only partly covered by insurance, but with the usual courage and promptness these loyal Daughters went at the business of raising money again and by April, 1926, we were back again in the Chapter House.

From its earliest days Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter has offered prizes to school children for essays on various Revolutionary or patriotic subjects. We have contributed generously to all State and National D. A. R. demands,

Scholarships, Memorials, etc.

We have located and restored many Revolutionary soldiers graves and planted trees several times in the old part of the cemetery. We established a D. A. R. Memorial Day, the Sunday nearest Flag Day, June 14th, to decorate our deceased members' graves. In 1897 we supplied a flag and pole to put on Liberty Rock. Mrs. Conover continued to present a new flag each year so that one might always fly there and at her death bequeathed a sum of money to be used for this purpose each year. A touching tribute to her mother, Mrs. Smith.

Our 25th anniversary, July 27, 1921, we celebrated by placing a bronze marker on the birthplace of Freelove Baldwin Stow. A bronze tablet was placed in our Chapter House in memory of Mrs. Smith, September 2, 1914, and a bronze

marker on our Chapter House in 1924.

In May, 1915, Mrs. Nicholas M. Pond was elected Regent and she has been a most inspiring leader in every way. Her foresight and generosity have kept our Chapter well forward in the ranks of State and National D. A. R. We have grown and broadened in every way under her wise and able leadership.

Our year just completed shows a splendid organization, alert and eager to do more than our share. Our enrollment of 125 is the largest in our history and with "Patriotism" as our watchword, we go forward with every determination

to keep Freelove Baldwin Stow near the top.

FRANCES H. QUIMBY, Historian.

Charter Members of Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter: Mrs. Maria Clark Beach, Mrs. Mary Carrington, Mrs. Elizabeth Hepburn O'Connor, Mrs. Louise Barnard Thompson, Mrs. Sarah Peck Merwin, Mrs. Mary Hepburn Smith, Mrs. Laura Peck Bristol, Ellen Treat Bradley, Mrs. Emma Treat Platt, Mrs. Charlotte Woodruff Clarke, Mrs. Adelia Brown Elmer, Mrs. Mary Merwin Tibbals, Mrs. Martha Carrington Beard, Sarah Nelson Loyd Stowe, Mrs. Sarah Ford Clarke, Mrs. Maria Therese Smith, Mrs. Martha Parsons Merwin, Mrs. Harriet Parsons Mallet, Mrs. Caroline Merwin Johnson, Mrs. Martha Nettleton Tibbals, Angelina Baldwin, Mrs. Celia Baldwin Treat, Mrs. Eleanor Smith Conover, Mrs. Mary Stowe Beardsley, Mrs. Maria Louise Merwin Trowbridge, Mrs. Emily Manville Nettleton, Mrs. Mary Manville Platt, Julia Beach Snow, Mrs. Charlotte Platt Clarke (Meserve), Mrs. Susan Smith Clarke, Mrs. Harriet Barnett Smith, Mrs. Natalie Merwin Case, Mrs. Alice Dibble Morse, Mrs. Charlotte Clarke Hine, Charlotte May Clarke, Mrs. Lena Hepburn Humphries, Mrs. Bertha May Platt, Mrs. Annie Platt Clarke, Marion Buckingham (Tibbals), Jane Platt Stowe, Sarah E. O'Connor, Evelyn J. Durand, Anna Clark Sherwood, Charlotte Strong, Mrs. Grace Merwin Provost, Mrs. Emma Platt Clarke.

GOVERNOR JONATHAN TRUMBULL CHAPTER

Lebanon

Organized October 31, 1921

No. 52

Members 29

Meets second Monday in each month.

Jonathan Trumbull, born in Lebanon, Conn., October 12, 1710.

Lebanon, August 17, 1785. Governor of Connecticut, 1769-1784.

In 1920 a few women interested in the D. A. R. resolved to become members and while getting information about joining a neighboring Chapter, stumbled upon the fact that an individual Chapter could be formed with twelve members. "Well," we thought, "why hasn't our old town a Chapter?" Then began a hunt for data necessary. There were a few fortunate ones whose records were ready for copying. At last the deed was accomplished.

Then, we must have a name. There was no question what it should be, we were all of one mind and that was the name of Governor Jonathan Trumbull, and on October 31, 1921, our State Regent, Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel, came to us and organized our Chapter with fifteen members, several others held up by some minor discrepancies in records joining later, making twenty-one members.

(Mrs. E. H.) Cornelia L. McCall was chosen Regent, (Mrs. O. L.) Hortense Fuller Pultz, Vice-Regent; Miss Annie Gillett, Secretary; (Mrs W. F.) Effie G. Clark, Treasurer; ((Mrs. D. L.) Edna Pitcher, Registrar; and Mrs. Imogene

Arnold, Historian.

In 1922-23, Governor Trumbull's "War Office," owned by the Sons of the American Revolution, was repaired and on September 6, 1923, was re-dedicated and placed in the care of the Governor Jonathan Trumbull Chapter. The building is used as a museum and during the summer months the Chapter holds its meetings there. From the last Saturday in May until the first of November the building is opened to visitors on the payment of twenty-five cents admission except on Saturday afternoons from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock when it is free, one or more of the Daughters acting as hostesses. Some years 500 or more visitors register, coming from nearly every state in the Union and from foreign countries.

The second Regent chosen June, 1924, was Miss Laura C. McCall, a descendant of a brother of Nathan Hale, the martyr spy. Vice-Regent, (Mrs. A. R.) Jennie A. Manning; Secretary, (Mrs. O. L.) Hortense F. Pultz; Treasurer, Miss Annie Gillett; Registrar, (Mrs. E. R.) Lillian S. Manning who passed away the following February and (Mrs. D. L.) Edna Pitcher was chosen to fill out the term; Historian, (Mrs. K. L.) Jennie S. Bishop.

In June, 1926, (Mrs. A. R) Jennie A. Manning was chosen Regent; Miss Annie Gillett, Vice-Regent; (Mrs. C. S.) Elsie K. Goodwin, Secretary; (Mrs. E. H.) Cornelia L. McCall, Treasurer, and on account of illness she was obliged to resign and (Mrs. W. F.) Effie G. Clark was chosen Treasurer; (Mrs. D. L.) Edna L. Pitcher, Registrar; Laura C. McCall, Historian. As several members had moved away and could not attend regularly we were short of members for officers.

We have lost four members by death, but now number twenty-nine with six associate members, four of whom are a great help to us. One whose ancestor received his commission from Governor Trumbull, lives in Iowa. It is said that there were over 400 Lebanon men in the Revolutionary war for a long or short time. Within a few years many of them emigrated to New York, Vermont and other states and their descendants are scattered over a large part of the United States. The records are so incomplete that it is impossible to find the names of many of the soldiers.

The past year has been the most prosperous year of any since our formation. As usual our State and Chapter dues have been promptly paid, and we have contributed to the Caroline Scott Harrison Memorial, Connecticut College Scholarship, International College, Red Cross Fund for Vermont Flood Sufferers, purchased a little land in the Peoples Forest, given to the State Library, Kenmore, sent boxes to Ellis Island and Blue Ridge School, and paid for care of the lawn and putting out the Flag at the "War Office" each pleasant day from May to November. Flag Day and October 12th, the anniversary of Governor Trumbull's Birth are always observed by our Chapter. Last October, we made a pilgrimage

to the Hale Homestead at Coventry, Connecticut.

One or more historical papers are prepared by members and read at nearly every meeting. Two papers have been sent to the State Reciprocity Bureau this year and we hope to send another soon. In August we gave an exhibition of old quilts and baskets, over 100 of each. Also entertained three sister Chapters and visited one. Considerable work has been done in copying inscriptions on Revolutionary soldiers tombstones, but the work is far from completion.

On October 16, 1926, our beloved Organizing Regent and the prime mover

in forming the Governor Jonathan Trumbull Chapter, passed away.

LAURA C. McCALL, Historian.

GREEN WOODS CHAPTER

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Organized December 22, 1897 No. 38

Members 97

Meets second Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November.

The name "Green Woods" is in memory of Green Woods Turnpike or Tract, the old trail that even before the earliest surveys, was known to its owners, the towns of Windsor and Hartford, as the Green Woods Tract. It was a tract of high hills and pathless swamps, covered by a luxuriant growth of pine, hemlock and laurel, evergreen vegetation somewhat unfamiliar to the settlers of the fertile meadows eastward. The trail crossed the steep northern hills of Winchester, between Hartford and Albany and was called the North Country Road.

In 1799, an easier and more direct way was opened, along the river banks, through the dense hemlock swamp. The new road followed a bridle path which

is our present Main Street.

The Society D. A. R. was founded in 1897 with twenty-six members, one of

them, Mrs. Mary Steele Cleveland, was a "Real Daughter."

The Regents were: Mrs. (Caleb J.) Sarah Boyd Camp, 1897-1912; Mrs. (Elliot B.) Fannie Pettibone Bronson, 1912-1920; Mrs. (Charles L.) Evelyn Fletcher Alvord, 1920-1922; Mrs. Carabel Kinney, 1922-1923, died in office; Mrs. (David D.) Ruth C. Holmes Reidy, 1923-1926; Mrs. (William H.) Beatrice Moore Blodgett, 1926, the present Regent.

HANNAH BENEDICT CARTER CHAPTER

New Canaan

Organized September 14, 1894 No. 21

Members 38

Meets second Thursday in each month, except July and August.

This Chapter was organized in New Canaan, Connecticut, on September 14, 1894; admitted to the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution,

at Washington, D. C., October 14, 1894.

The organizing Regent, Mrs. Cornelia Carter Comstock, became a member of the National Society April 5, 1894; was appointed Regent by the State Regent, Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim, and authorized to form the Hannah Benedict Carter Chapter, of New Canaan, Connecticut. In August, 1894, Mrs. Comstock was confirmed as Regent by the National Board of Management.

Eighteen of the Charter Members listed below were lineal descendants of

Hannah Benedict Carter.

Charter Members: Cornelia Carter Comstock (Mrs. Albert S.) Regent, Marion Carter O. Draper (Mrs. Charles B.), Emma S. Hedenberg Littell (Mrs. Wm. M.), Mary H. Seymour Hyde (Mrs. James), Mary Barcroft Runk, Mary Hoyt Lockwood (Mrs. Samuel K.), Caroline Hoyt Silliman (Mrs. Joseph F.), Martha Louise Hoyt, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; Emma N. Benedict Lockwood (Mrs. George F.) Vice-Regent; Emily White Fleming (Mrs. Vivian M.),

Annie White Mell (Mrs. Patrick H.), Edna Hoyt Rogers (Mrs. Henry B.), Annie James Carter, Mary E. Carter Dailey (Mrs. Hiram), Isabella H. Carter Anderson (Mrs. Robert N.), Mary Carter Drummond, Recording Secretary; Julia A. Hoyt Heath (Mrs. Benjamin), Mary Comstock Raymond (Mrs. Wm. E.) Registrar; Sarah A. Powers Ewing (Mrs. Fielding N.), Susan Comstock, Elizabeth M. Thompson Neide (Mrs. Robert H.).

Cornelia Carter Comstock (Mrs. Albert S.) September, 1894 to October, 1897. Orline St. John Alexander (Mrs. Lawrence D.) October, 1897 to May, 1902. Elizabeth M. T. Neide (Mrs. Robert H.) May, 1902 to November, 1904. Mary W. Seeley Papasiantz (Mrs.) November, 1904 to May, 1907. Jennie C. A. Weed, May, 1907 to May, 1909. Olive L. Reamy, May, 1909 to May, 1913. Amanda P. Weed, May, 1913 to May, 1921. Mary C. Drummond Tunney (Mrs. Thomas) May, 1921 to-.

Chronicle of Special Work

Monument in memory of Captain John Carter and his October, 1899: wife, Hannah Benedict Carter, erected in Carter Street Cemetery.

October 19, 1899: Dedication of Carter Monument, and of the monument in Lakeview Cemetery to four Revolutionary soldiers bearing the name St. John.

October 20, 1899: Dedication of monument in Lakeview Cemetery in memory of Captain Stephen Betts, hero of Bunker Hill and a defender of Norwalk, Conn., at the Tryon invasion. The monument was a gift of Mrs. William K. James and of the Norwalk Chapter, D. A. R.

February 22, 1905: Established offer of a prize for work in American history for the graduating class in Center School, a custom still continued.

October 21, 1905: Chapter was incorporated.

December, 1906: Contributed to a scholarship at Glen Alpin School, North Carolina.

March, 1910: Established night school for foreigners which was continued successfully for three years.

October 9, 1912: Started gift of a part scholarship at the Berry School, Rome,

Georgia, still continued annually.

1916-1917: Co-operated with the Women's Industrial Society of the New Canaan Congregational Church in purchasing materials and making surgical dressings for the hospitals of the Allies in the Great War.

1918: Gave 130 sweaters and 50 pairs of socks to men in military service,

including those men from New Canaan not otherwise supplied.

October, 1922: Contributed \$56.00 to the Wayside Cross, a memorial to all men from New Canaan who served in the Revolutionary, Mexican, Civil and Spanish Wars, and men and women who served in the Great War.

May 30, 1923: Placed copy of Chapter constitution and by-laws and a list

of members in the cornerstone of the Wayside Cross.

June 12 and 13, 1924: Held Loan Exhibit of Revolutionary relics and articles of historic interest in Town Hall.

1924: Raised \$75.00 for the purposes of the Civic League at a booth in the "Street Fair."

July, 1925: In conjunction with New Canaan Historical Society cleared \$122.50 at a booth in the "Street Fair" for the purpose of the Civic League.

July, 1926: United with the New Canaan Historical Society in compiling

a chronological list of important events in the history of New Canaan from 1876 to 1926, which was placed in the cornerstone of New Canaan's first high school building.

July 5, 1926: D. A. R. float on which Regent and other members represented Betsy Ross making the first flag, in appropriate setting, took part in parade before

laying of cornerstone of high school.

November, 1926: Purchased a chair in Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C., in memory of the organizing Regent, Mrs. Cornelia Carter Comstock.

Winter, 1928: Maintained a night school in English for foreign women.

Hannah Benedict Carter Chapter attained its largest membership, fifty-three, in 1898. In May, 1928, there are thirty-eight members, of whom some are nonresidents. All regular meetings have been held at the homes of members. The Chapter has had, through the years, many social events, large and small, and has contributed to the extent of its means when called upon by the National and State organizations. New Canaan boasts no Revolutionary battlefields, or great historical events, nor has there been discovered among her residents a "Real Daughter," therefore the annals of Hannah Benedict Carter Chapter are brief and modest.

Cornelia E. Carter Comstock, first Regent and organizer, September, 1894 to October, 1897. Cornelia Esther Carter Comstock, daughter of Thomas Carter and Esther Greenly, was born in New Canaan, Conn. She is great, great, great, great granddaughter of Samuel Carter of London, England.

The formation of this Chapter was due entirely to Mrs. Comstock's unflagging interest and untiring efforts. The term of her Regency shows a notable achievement in marking with suitable memorials places of Revolutionary interest, and in gathering a large fund of information relating to the former history of New While engaged in her work as Regent, she founded the Historical Realizing that the older generation was passing away, she spent days in driving about the country interviewing the aged inhabitants, rescuing from trunks in attics and from old closets and writing desks many valuable bits of history and legend which, without her foresight and labor of love, would have been lost. Mrs. Comstock inherited her devotion to patriotic work from a direct ancestor, John Carter, Captain in the Revolutionary Army, in honor of whose

wife, Hannah Benedict Carter, the New Canaan Chapter was named.
Orline St. John Alexander, second Regent. Orline St. John Alexander, daughter of Newton St. John and Maria Jane Pope, was born at Mobile, Alabama, January 8, 1846. She was educated in noted schools of Philadelphia and New York; married in New York, June 12, 1866, Lawrence Dade Alexander, son of Junius Brutus Alexander and Lucy Dade, of Kentucky. Mrs. Alexander was mother of six children, two of whom died in infancy. She became much interested in the study of parliamentary law and assisted in making the constitution and by-laws of several New York clubs. Perhaps her most notable achievement was the compilation of the St. John Genealogy, published 1907, a comprehensive history of that family in America, starting with the first settler at Dorchester, Mass., in 1631-2. Mrs. Alexander was the second Regent of Hannah Benedict Carter Chapter, serving five and a half years, October, 1897 to May, 1902, and was always deeply interested in the work of the D. A. R., local, State and National. She died at her home "Sention," in New Canaan, Conn., February 17, 1925.

Elizabeth Thompson Neide, third Regent, May, 1902 to November, 1904. Elizabeth Thompson Neide was born in the city of Erie, Penn., daughter of Colonel I. Ross Thompson and Josephine Mayer. She is a lineal descendant of the celebrated Rev. Thomas Hooker, D.D., first minister in Hartford, and Colonial Governor William Leete of Connecticut; and also Isaac Snowden and his wife, Mary Cox. Isaac Snowden was Commissioner for the issue of Continental currency and officer of Pennsylvania troops. She was the wife of Rev. Robert Howland Neide, who served as Rector of St. Mark's Parish, New Canaan, from 1890 to 1918. Mrs. Neide was a great worker in the church and beloved by all.

Mary Wayne Seeley La Monte, fourth Regent, November, 1904 to May, 1907. Mary Wayne Seeley La Monte was born in Haverhill, Mass., daughter of the Rev. Raymond Hoyt Seeley and Frances Stites Seeley. She is descended on her father's side from Captain Robert Seeley who landed in Salem Bay with the Winthrop fleet, and was a commissioned officer and well known Indian fighter and later Marshal of the New Haven Colony. On her mother's side she is descended from the deChauncey family; from the Goodrich's and Ely's and Colonel Joseph Platt Cook, of Connecticut, and from Elder Brewster of the Mayflower. Mary La Monte was educated in the public schools of Massachusetts, and in private schools of Germany. She also attended the Klindworth Conservatory of Music in Berlin, and later matriculated at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, where she was a student for two years in the regular courses in Social Science. Her first marriage was to V. Papasiantz, in London. She lived in Europe for many years. Her second marriage was to Robert Rives La Monte, of Bound Brook, New Jersey. She has one daughter, Francesca.

Jennie Christeen Anna Weed, fifth Regent, May, 1907 to May, 1909. Jennie Christeen Anna Weed, daughter of Jane Amelia Smith and Seth Chauncey Weed was born at the Weed homestead on Weed Street, New Canaan, Conn. This property has been in the Weed family since Colonial times. She is a lineal descendant of Jonas Weed of Northamptonshire, England, who sailed with Governor Winthrop on the ship Arabella which arrived at Boston, May 29, 1630. She is a life member of the Hannah Benedict Carter Chapter, D. A. R. and served as Regent from May, 1907 to May 1909, and Vice-Regent for ten years. She is interested in all D. A. R. activities, charitable organizations, social and club work. She is a life member and President of the New Canaan Historical Society.

Olive L. Reamy, sixth Regent, May 1909 to May, 1913. Olive Livonia Reamy, daughter of Jacob Asbury Reamy and Lamira Loveland, was born at Honey Creek, Wisconsin. Soon after her birth the family moved to Ohio, where she grew up. She made her home in New Canaan for many years. She was educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and taught in the Institution for the Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes, New York, and the Wright Humason School (for the deaf) in New York. For a number of years she was Helen Keller's instructor in German. During the World War she was an active worker in the Red Cross spending much of her time in knitting garments for the soldiers.

Amanda Priscilla Weed, seventh Regent, May, 1913 to May, 1921. Amanda Priscilla Weed was born in New Canaan, Conn., daughter of Seth Chauncey Weed and Jane Amelia Smith, and educated at the New Canaan Seminary. She is a descendant of Jonas Weed of Northamptonshire, England, who arrived in Boston, May 29, 1630. She is a life member of the D. A. R. and was Regent of Hannah Benedict Carter Chapter for eight years, and is interested in all D. A. R. work, local, State and National. She is active in social, charitable and club work having held the office of Vice-Chairman in the local Red Cross. Serving as Regent during the World War, it was through her untiring efforts that one hundred and forty sweaters and seventy pairs of socks were given through the Chapter to the New Canaan boys in the Army.

Mary Carter Drummond Tunney, eighth Regent, May, 1921. Mary Carter Drummond Tunney, born in New Canaan, Conn., was a daughter of George Drummond and Sarah Hoyt, two of the old families who helped establish "Canaan Parish." She is a lineal descendant of Hannah Benedict Carter for whom the Chapter was named. She received her education in the public schools of New Canaan, and the New Canaan Seminary. She is a charter member of the Chapter, serving as Recording Secretary when the Chapter was organized, which office she held for thirteen years. She was elected Registrar in 1912, serving until 1921, when she was elected Regent. She is Curator of the Historical Society, in which she is greatly interested. She is an active church worker, holding office in many departments of the church.

HANNAH WOODRUFF CHAPTER

Southington

Organized June 25, 1897 No. 36

Members 79

Meets second Thursday in each month from October to June, inclusive.

Hannah Woodruff Chapter, D. A. R., had its inception in the mind of Mrs. Franklin B. Bradley, whose vision and judgment saw what its far-reaching in-

fluence would be. A meeting was called at her home June 25, 1897, for those ladies who were interested and eligible. Twenty-five were present of whom four are now living. A Chapter was formed and Mrs. Bradley elected Regent. Its motto "Non sibi sed patria," suggested by the late Mrs. M. H. Holcomb, was adopted, and named after a Revolutionary heroine, Hannah Woodruff. Other meetings were held and on December 8, 1897, its charter was presented with appropriate ceremonies by the State Regent. Succeeding Regents have been Mrs. E. W. Twichell, 1899; Mrs. Jane P. Pultz, 1901; Mrs. C. H. Bissell, 1903; Mrs. Frank R. Upson, 1905; Miss Nettie Smith, 1907; Mrs. C. H. Bissell, 1910; Mrs. Charles Kelley, 1914; Mrs. C. W. Fitch, 1916; Miss Fannie MacKenzie, 1919; Mrs. F. N. Wells, 1922; Mrs. J. W. Upson, 1925; Mrs.



B. B. Sanford, 1927, all of whom by their loyalty, Mrs. Charles Humphrey Bissell

wisdom and enthusiasm have helped place the Chapter on its present high standard. Its activities have been National, State and local. It gave the first one hundred dollars and a fine clock to the Town Library, has done good work among the foreign population. Did splendid work in the Spanish and World Wars, furnishing Miss Alice Tuttle for the former; adopted a French and Serbian orphan; has given financial aid to Patriotic education, having raised several thousand dollars for it. Given scholarships in several colleges; and at its 25th anniversary "The Julia Arnold Bradley Scholarship" fund was established to educate some deserving student, preferably from the town, and has given prizes in the local schools.

In 1922, one of our distinguished daughters, Mrs. C. H. Bissell, was elected State Regent, an office which she most capably filled for five years, until 1927, at which time she was elected Honorary State Regent and Vice-President General.

We have placed a boulder in the cemetery commemorating our Revolutionary we have placed a bounder in the tenterty commendating our vertical vertical forms. The boulder is marked with a bronze marker.

We had eight real daughters: Mrs. Betsey Ives, Mrs. Jannet C. Higgins, Mrs. Nancy Root Potter, Mrs. Emma Dutton Quill, Mrs. Lois Johnson Upson, Mrs. Harriet Crissey, Mrs. Emily Parmelee Collins, Mrs. Wealthia A. Lynde.

Regarding our Chapter Heroine, "Hannah Woodruff," see "The Patron

Saints of Connecticut Chapters."

The Southington Company that went out to the war was commanded by Captain Daniel Sloper and among those who formed it were his two sons, Daniel and Ezekiel, and Mark, Ashael and Solomon Newell, sons of Hannah Newell Woodruff, making six from the family of our heroine. "They also serve who only stand and wait."

MRS. WILLIAM E. SMITH, Historian.

JUDEA CHAPTER

Washington

Organized June 9, 1898

No. 40

Members 72

Meets third Tuesday of each month.

Miss Fanny Pomeroy Brown, already a member-at-large of the National Society of D. A. R., made the initial efforts for establishing a chapter in Washington. Her efforts bore fruit in the neighboring town of Litchfield and five ladies from there joined as charter members.

Following is the list of twenty charter members: Miss Fanny Pomeroy Brown, Mrs. Ada Colton Brinsmade (William G.), Miss Anna Louise Brinsmade, Mrs. Martha Whittlesey Brown (Dr. Orlando), Mrs. Emma Sterling Carter (Rev. Robert E.), Mrs. Amy Spencer Church (William H.), Mrs. Isabel Brinsmade Ford (Dr. William J.), Mrs. Abigail Brinsmade Gunn (Frederick W.), Miss Frances E. Hickox, Mrs. Emily Brooks Kingman (Samuel C.), Mrs. Ella Kingman Eames (Horace), Mrs. Winifred Baldwin Seeley (S. Ford), Mrs. Marie Louise Titus (Arthur) Mrs. Mary Gunn Brinsmade (John C.), Mrs. Sarah Farrand Mitchell (Simeon); from Litchfield, Mrs. H. W. Wessells, Mrs. John L. Buel, Mrs. J. Deming Perkins, Mrs. George C. Woodruff and Miss Ruth McNeill.

The Chapter was named the Judea Chapter in memory of the original name of this settlement when it was set apart from the Mother Town of Woodbury in 1741. Its topographical features reminded the settlers of its resemblance to the Judea of Bible history, and this seemed to be a fitting name. During the stirring times of the American Revolution George Washington passed through this section, stopping for breakfast (so tradition says) at the Cogswell Tavern: patriotic fervor ran high and a desire to change the name of the town from Judea to Washington. While every state in the United States has a town called "Washington," this town is the first incorporated town to be named after the "Father of his Country."

During its first year six more members from Litchfield, the "Parlor Town of the United States," joined the Judea Chapter. After a year of pleasant associa-tion with meetings held alternately in Litchfield and Washington, the Litchfield



Mrs. Isabelle Brinsmade Ford



Mrs. Emma Sterling Carter



Mrs. F. W. Wersebe



Mrs. Orlando Brown



Mrs. F. W. Gunn



Mrs. S. Ford Seeley



Mrs. J. C. Brinsmade



Mrs. M. Louise Titus (Mrs. A. C.)



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ters, Mrs. Elizabeth Barney Buel, has served as State Regent and Vice-President

General of the National Society.

First officers of Judea Chapter were: Regent, Mrs. Abigail B. Gunn; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Buel; Treasurer, Mrs. Isabel B. Ford; Registrar, Miss Fanny P. Brown; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George Woodruff; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ada C. Brinsmade; Historian, Miss Frances E. Hickox.

The first report given by the first Regent during the first year included the first relief work of the Red Cross during the Spanish-American War. This showed

that a large number of contributions had been made.

During this year, the Chapter started a fund for a historical room on Washington Green. The following year (1899) a room was opened in the old Canfield House on the Green and antiques of many descriptions were arranged. An old rag carpet of historical interest covered the floor, period chairs, an old corner cupboard, Currier and Ives pictures, old manuscripts and books, a spinning wheel, flax wheel, etc., were counted among its possessions. Mrs. Sherman Woodruff lived in the house and was a faithful caretaker, opening the room for visitors and interesting them with her fund of information about the collection.

At a meeting held October 22, 1907, it was voted to turn over the articles owned by the Chapter in the Historical Room as well as all articles loaned to the Chapter to the committee of the Gunn Memorial Library Association for use in the new museum. The town museum was housed in the basement of the new library building. Mrs. O. H. Platt very generously donated a valuable and rare

Indian collection in addition to the Colonial exhibit.

The first money contributed for a scholarship was a sum of \$50 for the education of a mountain white child, Prairie Morse by name. Later the Chapter has given regularly for scholarship funds to the Berry School, Georgia and the International College at Springfield.

The Chapter has given two memorials on the Founders List at the Tamassi School, South Carolina, one for Captain Walter Wersebe, killed in the World

War, and one for Miss Anna Louise Brinsmade, member of the Chapter.

The Chapter has had a tablet in the shape of a shield placed on the home of Charles W. Pickett in New Preston. This house is known as The Cogswell Tavern and is still in a good state of preservation. The room in which George Washington slept is shown with pride by the present occupants. This tavern both sheltered and fed officers and soldiers of the American Revolution as they passed through from Hartford to West Point. The tablet placed by the Judea Chapter on the house is appropriately inscribed to that effect. The tavern was owned and managed by Major William Cogswell and his capable and courageous wife, Anna Whittlesey Cogswell.

Early in the organization of Chapters the custom was established of choosing a Chapter heroine, some woman who was noted for endurance, sacrifice or service.

Judea's Chapter Heroine

In the person of Anna Whittlesey Cogswell all these qualities were found. She was born in Whittlesey Valley in 1744. She was a descendant of Governor Thomas Welles of Hartford, and a great, great niece of Thomas Hooker. Her father's family, the Whittleseys, were among the earliest settlers of Saybrook. Her husband was a staunch patriot and a captain in the Continental Army under Washington. He was promoted to the rank of Major in the thirteenth regiment. His farm in New Preston consisted of two thousand acres of land, and the resources of his tavern were often called upon to the limit. Mrs. Cogswell was never known to fail in any demand made upon her. One morning when a messenger rode up and said that he had an order for breakfast for three hundred soldiers, she was equal to the occasion. She survived her husband twenty-four years and managed the large property and cared for her children with skill and courage. She died on January 10, 1810, at the age of sixty-six years.

Interest in the cause of education was awakened in the Chapter from its organization. The twelve district schools were visited by members, prizes were given annually to the pupils writing the best compositions on patriotic subjects, framed copies of the Declaration of Independence, dictionaries, and other books

were donated.

With the abandonment of the district schools in 1909, the new central consolidated school with its transportation routes became the center of interest.

fair was held and all the women of other organizations gave freely of their services to make a success of the undertaking. The agitation for a high school started by the Chapter in 1905 bore fruit in due season. The project of sewing was started in the grades for the girls, and a trained teacher was engaged to look after the work. Members of the Chapter gave their services in assisting. An exhibition of the work in sewing was held at the close of the year. The next year the School Board was given fifty dollars to continue with the sewing project. While the girls were having the sewing lessons, the boys of the grade were taught mechanical drawing, the Chapter handling the expense of this instruction.

The schools (one at Washington Depot and the other at New Preston) have been provided with flags. Leaflets about the "Correct Uses of the Flag" and those about the "History of the Flag" have been given to the school children. School outdoor benches were built on the school grounds and an iron railing placed in the grove. Books and framed pictures have been given from time to time. The project of serving hot cocoa during the cold winter months was initiated and assisted materially by the Chapter's co-operation. A First Aid Red Cross Cabinet was donated to the school, and medical supplies have been

furnished.

Through publicity in the press, the Chapter has called attention to the proper display of the Flag. Several times the Chapter has helped the public schools to celebrate patriotic days, such as Flag Day, Memorial Day, Constitution Day,

Washington's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, and Armistice Day.

In December, 1907, the Chapter started a movement for a Night School, which was first opened in the old Methodist Church where the High School was located. Its second season (the winter of 1908 and 1909) the school was conducted in the Gunnery School building through the courtesy and kindness of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Brinsmade. The school met a long felt want but there was not a sufficient number of pupils to warrant its being kept up at that time. Different members gave their services in assisting Mrs. Arthur C. Titus who had charge of the school. Efforts for a Night School were renewed by the Chapter and the winter of 1917 and 1918, a successful school was conducted in the High School room in the Consolidated School building. Money was raised to pay the salary of one of the regular day school teachers. Mrs. O. H. Platt (widow of U. S. Senator Orville H. Platt) took a keen interest in the school as did all the members of the Chapter.

The Boy Scout movement was organized in this town with the backing, morally and financially of the Judea Chapter. This proved successful for a long period of time, but ceased when no scoutmaster could be found who had time

to give to the work.

At the time of the World War, a Washington Red Cross Chapter was started in town through the efforts of Mrs. F. W. Wersebe, Regent, and Mrs. Walter Russell. This Chapter was under the direction of the late distinguished mural painter, H. Siddons Mowbray. The Chapter raised funds for the Red Cross campaigns and was largely instrumental during the period of the World War for establishing and maintaining a community kitchen. The Chapter (Judea) was also active in all the Liberty Bond drives. The sale of the little Red Cross Christmas seals have been conducted under the auspices of the Judea Chapter for many years.

Since the World War the Chapter has started a fund for a new Memorial Town Hall which is much needed. Towards this, they contributed the first one hundred dollars. This Hall, it is hoped, will be erected in the future in memory of Washington's three soldier boys who paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the World War. Three rock maple trees have been planted on the school grounds in memory of these three town boys. Appropriate public exercises were held at the

time.

The Chapter has contributed towards the support of three orphans after the war, an Armenian, a Serbian, and a French orphan. Contributions were sent towards the restoration of the French Village of Tilloloy in France; Memorial Continental Hall, the Bronze Doors, the Connecticut Room; repairing Connecticut Stone in the Washington Monument; the Ellsworth Homestead, Windsor, Conn. Fund for a public school piano; Marjorie's Battleship Fund in 1917; purchase of a graphonola and records for the sick (before the days of the radio); Belgian Relief Fund; Margaret E. Henry Memorial; Christmas gifts to the

isolated inhabitants of Pitcairn Island in the Pacific Ocean; the Y. M. C. A. work; the Y. W. C. A. work; Litchfield County Farm Bureau; the Allied War Relief; the American Woman's Hospital; the Danbury Hospital Fund; the Hoover Relief Fund; community pictures; Norwalk Day Nursery; Armenian Near East; Women's Roosevelt Memorial Association; Jonathan Trumbull Association; Mrs. Scott's miniature; Judea Cemetery Fund; Washington District Nursing Association; Pro-Cathedral Fund in Paris; Kenmore Association; Chimes for Valley Forge; Library Fund Memorial, D. A. R. Hall; Wakefield Association; Thomas Jefferson Memorial; Jacqueline Vernot Fund; two chairs for the new Auditorium at Memorial Hall, Senator Orville Hitchcock Platt and Emily Eustis Brooks Kingman; Guernsey Scholarship; High School athletics; Civilian Relief Work in France; the Navy League; Forefathers' Day for Washington; summer course for student; Connecticut People's Forest; Harding Memorial Association.

Washington's old Judea Cemetery where its soldiers of the American Revolution lie buried, can no longer be classed on the list of "neglected cemeteries." In 1922, the Chapter started a fund for its restoration and up-keep. The iron fence is painted, the tumbling stones are now erect, the brush is cut, and the

restoration and maintenance fund has been increased to \$680 in 1928.

A list of all tombstone inscriptions in all the cemeteries was obtained and published in one of the local papers. A great deal has been accomplished along the line of genealogical and research work in family and town history. Articles

about these subjects have been published in the papers.

A certain set of shelves in the beautiful Gunn Memorial Library has been given over to the Chapter, and here are placed all the volumes of the D. A. R. Lineage, the volumes of the records of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Connecticut Men of the American Revolution, and other historical volumes which prove of value to many readers.

The Chapter has filled all its State and National quotas, including Manual for

Immigrants.

A C. A. R. Chapter called the Shepaug Chapter (named after an Indian Chief who roamed this section) was organized on November 16, 1923, by one of Judea's members, Miss Estella L. West, and this group of children have aided Crossnore School and the Walter Reed Hospital, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars by their active interest in selling the articles made in these places, such as handmade woven articles, handmade jewelry, and the silk poppies.

Markers have been placed upon the graves of all soldiers who are buried in Washington's cemeteries who served in the War of the American Revolution,

about twenty-eight in number.

At a meeting July 30, 1910, a building fund for the Chapter was started and the sum of \$25 was voted for that purpose. From time to time this fund has been added to until now (1928) the fund has grown to \$1,388.27. The Chapter has in mind that some day a suitable Chapter House may be purchased and maintained.

The Chapter's work has been carried on by a working force, until of recent date, of from six to fifteen members. The State officers have referred to this Chapter as "Little Judea" because of its limited number of residential members. Ten members live in New York, one in Massachusetts, one in Illinois, two in New Jersey, one in Canada, one in West Virginia, one in Vermont, one in Florida,

and nine in Bridgeport.

Two annual events, one in the summer in the nature of a lawn card party on the Green, and a rummage sale in the autumn, have netted the Chapter a generous supply of funds. Aside from these, there are minor ways that have helped the treasury, such as a few plays in the hall, moving pictures, dances, collecting and selling newspapers, afternoon teas, etc. Small gifts of money have

been given occasionally by members or friends of the Chapter.

The Chapter celebrated its thirtieth birthday in the city of Bridgeport in June, 1928, at the home of Mrs. Edgar Webb Bassick, a member. At this meeting, the State Regent, Miss Katharine Nettleton, and the State Vice-Regent, Miss Emeline Street, were guests of honor and made inspiring addresses. Memories of the old days were revived when the Regent, Mrs. S. Ford Seeley, gave an account of the first meeting when the State Regent, Mrs. Sara Kinney and Miss Forsythe, Vice-President General of the National Society were present and gave patriotic talks setting forth the aims and work of the National Society.

Judea Chapter Regents: Mrs. Abigail Brinsmade Gunn, 1898 (first year); Mrs. Isabel Brinsmade Ford, 1899-1901; Mrs. Emma Sterling Carter, 1901-1903; Mrs. Martha Whittlesey Brown, 1903-1905; Mrs. Amy Spencer Church, 1905-1909; Mrs. Winifred Baldwin Seeley, 1909-1911; Mrs. Mary Gold (Gunn) Brinsmade, 1911-1915; Mrs. Cornelia Hulse Preston, 1915-1917; Mrs. Clara Laws Wersebe, 1917-1923; Mrs. Marie Louise (Turner) Titus, 1923-1925; Mrs. Leila Hull Woodruff, 1925-1927; Mrs. Winifred Baldwin Seeley, 1927-1928.

Mrs. Abigail Brinsmade (wife of Frederick W. Gunn) was the first Regent of Judea Chapter. She was the widow of Frederick W. Gunn, founder of the famous Gunnery School. Mrs. Gunn was born in Washington, Conn., on July 18, 1820, and was the daughter of General Daniel B. and Mary Gold Brinsmade. Her life in this community was an inspiration to the whole town, as well as to the Gunnery School whose hosts of pupils affectionately termed her "The Mother of the Gunnery." The history of this school and its success has been told in Dr. Josiah Holland's book, "Arthur Bonnicastle," in William Hamilton Gibson's book "Pastoral Days," and in the memorial volume, "The Master of the Gunnery." Mrs. Gunn died in 1908, at the age of eighty-nine years.

Mrs. Isabel Brinsmade Ford, the second Regent, was the wife of the town's doctor and her helpfulness in his work and in her town and Chapter was very evident by her kind words and deeds. She served for two years and died on

June 4, 1901.

Mrs. Emma Sterling Carter, third Regent, was the wife of the Congregational Church pastor, the Rev. Robert E. Carter. She was a graduate of Radcliffe College.

She resigned from the Chapter in 1907 to the regret of all.

Mrs. Martha Pomeroy Brown was born August 11,1827 and died on December 8, 1914. She was the daughter of David Chester and Mary Cogswell Whittlesey. Her grandmother, for whom she was named, was the granddaughter of Seth Pomeroy, the soldier who made a name for himself in the French and Indian Wars, and on account of age he refused a command offered him by Washington. She was connected with the Strongs, Hinsdales, Sheldons, and other first settlers of the Connecticut Valley. Among her Connecticut ancestors she counted the names of two Colonial Governors and the sister of Thomas Hooker.

From her father she inherited a love for genealogy and was keenly interested in the customs of early New England. She gave several interesting papers on

town and New England history to the Chapter.

Tablets to the memory of fifteen or more of her ancestors are on the Memorial Bridge at Milford, Conn. Mrs. Brown was eligible to nearly all of the Patriotic Societies and had established five lines for her admission into the D. A. R.

She married Dr. Orlando Brown who was an eminent physician during the Civil War and the beloved country doctor in Washington. He had five lines entitling him to membership in the S. A. R. and two lines from Elder Brewster. At the time of his death in 1903 he was Surgeon-General of the National Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Mrs. Brown was Regent from 1903 for two years. Her daughter, Miss Fanny Pomeroy Brown, started the movement for a D. A. R. Chapter in this town.

Mrs. Amy C. Spencer Church, Regent 1905-1909. The fifth Regent served two terms. Mrs. Church was the daughter of the Episcopal clergyman of Wash-

ington, who was rector of St. John's Church for a period of years.

Mrs. Winifred Baldwin Seeley, Regent 1909-1911. During her term of office Mrs. Winifred Baldwin Seeley, wife of S. Ford Seeley, was an enthusiastic worker for patriotism and caused the Chapter to go forward in its loyalty to the aims of the National Society.

Mrs. John C. Brinsmade, 1911-1915. Mrs. Mary Gold Brinsmade, wife of Ex-Senator John C. Brinsmade, was the daughter of Judea's first Regent, and like her mother was called after Mrs. Gunn's death "The Mother of the Gunnery." Mrs. Brinsmade assisted her husband in his duties as Master of the Gunnery for forty years, and endeared herself to all by her cheerfulness and sympathy. She was an active worker in the Congregational Church.

Mrs. Cornelia Hulse Preston, wife of Judge Edward W. Preston, served as Regent from 1915-1917. She lived in the town of Roxbury adjoining Washington

on the south.

Mrs. Clara Laws Wersebe, wife of Dr. Frederick W. Wersebe, leading physician of Washington for many years, has the longest record for service, having held

the office from 1917 to 1923. She was a director at one time of the Ellsworth Homestead, and has served on the State Council of the D. A. R. and State

committees.

Mrs. Marie Louise (Turner) Titus, Regent 1923-1925. Mrs. M. Louise Titus, wife of Arthur C. Titus, has served the longest in offices of any member, continuously. Elected to office of Corresponding Secretary, Historian and Librarian, and Vice-Regent, in all, 29 years. She was a member at one time of the Ways and Means Committee of the Ellsworth Homestead, and her suggestions of having a sinking fund and establishing an "Ellsworth Day" annually were carried out. Mrs. Titus has given courses on historical subjects as part of her work as Chapter Historian.

Mrs. Leila Hull Woodruff, wife of Lewis C. Woodruff, served two years as

Regent.

Mrs. Winifred Baldwin Seeley, Regent for the present two-year term (1927-

1928) was the Chapter's sixth Regent.

This record would not be complete unless Miss Estella Lugar West's name was mentioned. She is one of the youngest members of the Chapter and its faithful Recording Secretary, also President of the Shepaug Chapter of the C. A. R., which Chapter she organized. For seven years she has served as a Page in the National Congress. The first two years she was appointed by the State Regent. Since then, through the national organization, until the last two years when she was appointed personal Page to the General Chairman of the House Committee. Her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Kingman West, has served continuously as Treasurer of the Judea Chapter for twenty-three years.

M. LOUISE TITUS, Historian.

KATHERINE GAYLORD CHAPTER

Bristol

Organized April 19, 1894

No. 18

Members 198

Meets second Friday in October, December, January, February, March, May and June.

The name, Katherine Gaylord, was selected for the heroic deeds and personal sacrifices of that heroine. A brief history of her life follows: Katherine Cole was born in Harwinton, Connecticut, November 28, 1745. She married Aaron Gaylord about 1763, and after her marriage lived at New Cambridge which was in Farmington, and is now Bristol. After a number of years, she moved to Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania, later returning to New Cambridge and finally moving to Burlington, Connecticut, where she died in 1840.

moving to Burlington, Connecticut, where she died in 1840. In April-May, 1775, Katherine, in her Connecticut home, saw her husband, at the call for troops after the Lexington alarm, march to the front in Boston and vicinity. Detachments of the brigade to which Aaron Gaylord belonged took part in the battle of Bunker Hill. It is probable he was among them as he was afterwards appointed to lieutenancy. At the expiration of his term, he returned

to his home in New Cambridge.

Early in 1776, hearing no doubt wonderful tales of fertile Wyoming, in the Valley of Pennsylvania, he moved with his wife, three children, and worldly goods to that place. The journey occupied about three weeks, and was made on horseback. They settled in Forty Fort, and lived the usual frontier life of more or less poverty. Katherine was small and frail of build, with blue eyes, brown or fair hair, delicate complexion and fine features—hardly our ideal of a rugged

pioneer woman physically.

In July, 1778, the Wyoming Massacre took place in which Aaron Gaylord met his death. Before he went into battle, he counseled with his wife and formed careful plans for her flight should he never return. After hearing of his being scalped, Katherine hastily packed clothing and provisions on one horse, and upon the others she and her three children were to ride alternately. Shortly after midnight, they rode out of the fort into the horrible blackness beyond, into pathless woods, amongst savage beasts, and still more savage men. Finally one horse remained to carry the courageous ones on their way. They abandoned their goods, keeping one blanket, a precious box of tinder and flint, one musket and



M. Jennie Atwood



Mrs. Adrian J. Muzzy Organizing Regent



Mrs. Carlyle F. Barnes



Mrs. Wilbur F. Brainard



Miss Clara Lee Bowman



Mrs. Albert L. Sessions



Mrs. Charles Cook



Mrs. William S. Ingraham



Mrs. Arthur C. Perkins

a small quantity of ammunition. For weeks they toiled slowly onward, oftentimes without food. At last they saw once more the hills which surrounded their old Connecticut home.

In 1780, when Katherine's son was about sixteen years of age, she gave him

to serve his country. He was present at the surrender of Cornwallis.

In 1799, she united with the Congregational Church of Bristol.

Katherine Gaylord proved herself to be an independent, courageous pioneer woman. Her independence is shown when at the age of ninety, she refused to lie down in the daytime for fear of forming a bad habit. At the age of ninetyfive Katherine Gaylord died, leaving three children and twenty-two grandchildren. A terrific storm raged at the time of her funeral, and only eight men were present.

Mrs. Charles S. Cook, ex-Regent, is a great, great granddaughter of Katherine

Gavlord.

The organization of Katherine Gaylord Chapter was due to Mrs. F. E. D. Muzzy. Mrs. Muzzy planned to apply for admission in Hartford, but Mrs. Keim then State Regent, asked her to organize a Chapter in Bristol. Twelve members were required in order to procure a charter. Mrs. Muzzy, Mrs. M. L. Peck and Miss Clara Bowman met at Mrs. Muzzy's house and thought out the names, which then seemed quite a task. Mrs. Muzzy did all of the work of the officers up to the organization.

Her national number is 4,375. She won the first National Society prize for the best biographical sketch called "Katherine Gaylord, Heroine." She was a member of the Commission for the care and protection of the Fort Griswold tract at Groton, this fort being the place where Colonel William Ledyard and his brave band fell victims to the swords and guns of the British troops, after they had surrendered themselves as prisoners of war, on September 6, 1781.

At the first meeting, sixty-seven answered to the roll call. Seventeen from this Chapter attended the first State meeting held in New Haven. The Chapter also attended the Fourth National Congress and has sent a delegation ever since that time. Miss Edith Cook and Miss Ruth Sessions have represented the Chapter as Pages in Washington. Katherine Gaylord secured the first one hundred and

ninety-seven members in Bristol for the Red Cross.

Miss Mary J. Robbins was the only real daughter of this Chapter. She was born at Ashford, Connecticut, daughter of Ebenezer Robbins. She received her early education at the Monson Academy. Miss Robbins was a charter member of the Stafford Springs Congregational Church, but when she moved in June, 1855 to Hartford, she was transferred to the membership of the Center Church. She spent many years of her life in Hartford, and then moved to Bristol. father enlisted in the Continental Army at an early age and fought under Colonel Knowlton. He was with Washington at the battle of Princeton and Trenton. He was also present in Washington's retreat through New Jersey, and took an important part in the crossing of the Delaware. Miss Robbins was extremely modest, and it was a task to get her to talk of her famous father. She died at the age of seventy-nine years.

Our gavel, given by Mrs. Mary Seymour Peck, was made from a tree which grew on the site of Forty Fort, whence Katherine Gaylord made her midnight escape so long ago. The block, presented by Mrs. Gierstein Stewart, was made of teakwood from the British Frigate Augusta, sunk at the mouth of the Delaware

River, during the American Revolution.

In 1898, Miss Mary P. Root wrote a volume of sketches called "Patriot's Daughters and Patron Saints." A solid silver tea service of three pieces was presented to Miss Root by the Connecticut Chapter for the seven years labor of

love which she had given as editor of these two books.

Miss Root was born in Bristol, Conn., on January 27, 1856. She was a direct descendant of Governor William Bradford of Mayflower fame, of Thomas Root, a founder of Hartford, and Gideon Roberts, one of the earliest manufacturers of clocks in Connecticut. She was a graduate of Vassar College, class of 1878, and president of her class. She became a charter member of Katherine Gaylord Chapter and was at one time its Historian. She was a historical student and writer of unusual ability. Hers was a tragic death, resulting from an automobile accident which occurred on August 24, 1907. At the time of her death a letter of condolence was sent by the President General, Mrs. Donald McLean.

Miss Clara Lee Bowman is known for her active participation in the book of



Mrs. Charles A. Lane



Mrs. James T. Case



Mrs. Stephen M. Wells





Mrs. Walter E. Spicer



Mrs. Gale P. Moore



Mrs. Morton C. Treadway

instruction for immigrants, by John Foster Carr, called "Guida" or "Guide." John Foster Carr, in an address given on November 10, 1911, said in telling of the work for the Italians, that had it not been for the energy, enthusiasm, and broad outlook of Miss Bowman, the "Guida" would never have been published.

Miss Bowman was a Regent of Katherine Gaylord Chapter, State Vice-Regent of Connecticut and Vice-President General of the National Society. She was a charter member, number 5,362, and was the Chapter's first Historian. She was one of the organizers and second Regent of this Chapter. She served as Recording Secretary and was on the committee to erect a monument to Katherine Gaylord. She was also Secretary of the State Board. Miss Bowman was born April 26, 1858, daughter of George Ripley Bowman and Adeline Hill, being a direct descendant of Thomas Hooker, founder of Hartford. She was a member of the Colonial Dames of America, and at one time was a director of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames. Her death occurred on October 7, 1916.

The Chapter has made repairs and improvements at the Old North Cemetery wherein are buried nineteen soldiers of the American Revolution. Graves of all

the Revolutionary soldiers are decorated every year.

A monument was erected in Burlington to their heroine, Katherine Gaylord and dedicated June 18, 1896. In 1896, the improvement of the Bristol Green was started. This Green was the training ground of the men of 1775 and 1812.

Several scholarships have been given to schools and colleges. At different times prizes have been awarded for essays to Grammar and High School students. In 1905, educational work was carried on among the Italians of the town.

The chapter was instrumental in the establishment of the Bristol Evening School. Later, the school was taken over by the city. Through the interest of the Chapter, the school was presented with copies of the Manual, containing information for immigrants. These to be used in the class room. At the end of the term they were presented to the pupils with the compliments of the Chapter. At the graduation, the Chapter has given books to those writing the best essays, also for perfect attendance. Each year, a box is sent to Ellis Island.

Katherine Gaylord Chapter has always sustained the high ideals for which the D. A. R. is founded, and has always tried to carry out the work outlined by the

National Society.

LADY FENWICK CHAPTER

Cheshire

Organized June 10, 1910

No. 48

Members 70

Meets second Monday in each month during the year.

When it was decided to organize a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Cheshire, the question of a name immediately presented itself. Our town was until 1780, a parish in the town of Wallingford, and we had strictly speaking, no outstanding Revolutionary patriot credited to Cheshire; many patriots there were, but all or each of them ranked the same. Our problem was solved by Mrs. Sara Thomson Kinney, who suggested the name of Lady Fenwick, saying that she felt that her services to the colony should be recognized even though she was not of the Revolutionary period. The name met with favor by all and her history was printed and preserved by the Chapter.

In 1639, Lady Fenwick came to the little settlement and fort at the mouth of the Connecticut, as the bride of George Fenwick, one of the gentlemen colonists

who first came in 1635.

They took up their abode in a "fair house well fortified" within the fort near the bank of the river, where it flows into the sound, a beautiful spot. It is said of her that she was tall and graceful, with a wealth of auburn hair; and we read of her being seen riding horseback or practising with her "shooting gun."

She was very fond of flowers and planted them all about her house and with her husband planted precious seeds of the apple and cherry brought from their old English home, as well as seeds and slips sent them by their friends of the Hartford settlement. Best of all, it is said, she loved to work in her wonderful herb garden wherein grew everything for medicinal and household use, and her skill in the use of herbs in illness was often tested by the sick of this colony.

Reared in the midst of wealth and refinement, she bravely adapted herself

to her new life and for eight years gave her best, courageously and unselfishly,

for the advancement of the new country and the welfare of the people.

The wife of Matthew Griswold, the settler of Lyme and Mrs. Winthrop of Fisher's Island, were her associates, but living at such distances, rare indeed must have been the hours they could spend together.







Mrs. Reno Swift



Mrs. C. H. Chapman

She united with the Rev. Thomas Hooker's church in Hartford and carried her little daughter, Elizabeth, there to be baptized.

Lady Fenwick could not long endure the severe winters or the life of a colonist and she died soon after the birth of her daughter, Dorothy, and was buried on a small hill within the enclosure of the fort.

Soon after her death, disappointed and discouraged, George Fenwick returned

to England, his two little daughters and their nurse following later.

Shortly after the fort and buildings were burned; later a new fort was built which was taken away in 1870 and Lady Fenwick's remains, after resting on that lonely spot over 200 years, were removed and re-buried in the village cemetery, one of the oldest and most historic in the State. The stone placed over her grave in 1679 was also placed at her present resting place.

A chair and a table taken from her home in the fort can be seen at the Acton Library, Saybrook, also a coil of her hair; and in crossing the fields where the old fort stood, one may now and then gather a bit of lavender from that wonder-

ful herb garden of those far-away days.

The present seal of our state, it is said, is a modified form of the seal used by George Fenwick and given by him to the Connecticut colony when he sold

out his right in the settlement.

The organization meeting was held in Odd Fellows hall on June 10, 1910, with thirty-one charter members. This was the first Chapter to be formed by the new State Regent, Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel. Greetings were received from Litchfield and Southington Chapters and the officers from the latter Chapter were present, having a special interest, as the Regent of the "Baby Chapter" was the retiring Regent from Hannah Woodruff and four other of the charter members had also been transferred from Hannah Woodruff Chapter.

The organizing Regent had presented her choice of officers to Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel, and the following were confirmed by her as the officers of the Chapter for the ensuing year: Regent, Miss Nettie C. Smith; Vice-Regent, Mrs. A. W. Huxley; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Reno Swift; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Emma C. Doolittle; Treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Ives; Registrar, Miss Alice B. Carr; Historian, Mrs. Edgar Beadle; Advisory Board, Mrs. J. D. Walter, Mrs. C. S. Spaulding, Mrs. F. A. Willetts, Mrs. C. E. Ives, Mrs. E. J. Stoddard. (See list of charter members.)

The first official event of the Chapter was the observance of July 4th, when an open meeting was held in the Town Hall, the speakers being the Rev. John Focht of Southington and the Rev. F. S. Morehouse. The custom of observing

the day has been carried out each year.

The Chapter voted to publish the "History of Cheshire." The material had been collected by Joseph P. Beach. This was the first task and willingly did the Chapter work to raise the funds.

In August of that year Mr. Beach, then over eighty years old, presented the Chapter with a beautiful silk flag (still in use) and a hand painted banner bearing the name and date of the organization of the Chapter. Another outstanding event was the invitation from Mrs. J. V. B. Thayer of Brooklyn, New York, to her summer home in Brooksvale. Mrs. Thayer is a descendant of the Brooks

family who did much to make Cheshire a town.

Through the Chapter's offer, the first "Safe and Sane" Fourth of July was inaugurated in 1914. Every organization, the schools, and individuals joined in making the affair a huge success. A parade, with floats, speeches, music, folk dancing by the children, athletic events for the boys, a ball game for the men, supper for every one, fireworks and dancing in the Town Hall for the young people was the program which was most carefully carried out, our Regent being Chairman of it all, ably assisted by the Rev. F. S. Morehause and A. S. Bennett, Selectman, and the chairmen of the various sub-committees. Similar programs were sponsored by the Chapter every year until the beginning of the World War, that is, our entry into it. Since then the Chapter has simply arranged celebrations of a different character.

Beginning this year it was voted to have at least two papers written and read at the meetings, concerning some of the early and prominent citizens of the town and this custom was kept up during the early years of the Chapter; and the yearly

custom of entertaining the children of the members was also started.

It was this year that a gavel block made from one of the timbers of the first church of Cheshire was presented to the Chapter by Edgar Beadle and a gavel made from one of the cypress trees given by Napoleon to Aaron Burr was pre-

sented by Mrs. William Cumming Story of New York.

In 1912, the outstanding events in the Chapter were: The Chapter earned a flag of government bunting presented by Meriden for selling a large number of Christmas seals. The Chapter attended a luncheon in Waterbury given by Melicent Porter Chapter at the Elton, and heard noted speakers. The History of Cheshire was published and the first copy bound in handsome binding was presented by the Chapter to its Regent, Miss Smith, at the June meeting in recognition of her work on the book. The Chapter was instrumental in having the name of one of its members, Mrs. Julia A. Humiston, placed in the Book of Remembrance at Windsor. This was done by the Selectmen of Cheshire in recognition of Mrs. Humiston's gift to the town of the beautiful graded school building in the center, known as the Humiston School.

The outstanding event of 1913 was the honor of entertaining the State Conference in March. We furnished the flags for the graves of the Revolutionary soldiers and decorated them with plants. The custom of furnishing luncheon to the Veterans of the Civil War and their assistants on May 30th was adopted and each year on the day when these men, the Sons of Veterans, Boy and Girl Scouts, and now, the World War veterans gather for this purpose, the Chapter provides the luncheon. Christmas gifts to the inmates of the Town Farm was inaugurated and continued so long as there were those living there to whom

gifts were a pleasure.

1914—Besides the yearly customs initiated in the preceding years, the Chapter had only two principal events, its annual picnic and the marking of twenty graves

of Revolutionary soldiers.

1915-1916: The Chapter sent money to the Belgians and was instrumental in organizing the Red Cross Branch of the New Haven Chapter in the town; every member became a member of this branch and work began in earnest. Contributions were sent to the Ellsworth Home, for a tablet in memory of Miss Henry, and for a scholarship; and the Chapter also purchased a foot of land adjoining Continental Hall.

1917: The Chapter entertained the men drafted and called from this town at a supper and presented each one with a gift. Sent a petition recommending passage of a Soldiers and Sailors Pension Bill. Knitted sweaters for sailors on the battleship Connecticut. Each member contributed to the restoration of the French village of Tilloloy. Purchased lockets to hold the identification tags for our local boys going to France (later this was discontinued, for fear the silver lockets might be stolen and thus the tags lost). Order of the authorities. We sold an immense number of Christmas seals,

1918 and 1919: The Chapter helped sell Liberty Loan Bonds, knitted socks,

sweaters, sewed in the Red Cross rooms, helped in all the War drives and was the backbone of the Red Cross branch, and kept up the regular activities of the Chapter, sending another contribution to the Margaret Henry Memorial, collected and sent \$120 to Serbia and began the annual custom of giving two prizes to eighth grade pupils for the best essays on a patriotic subject chosen by the Chapter.

1920-1921: Encouraged the hiring of a Public Health Nurse and contributed liberally each year to the Public Health Nursing Association until grants from the town made aid unnecessary. Contributed to Ellsworth Home, Martha Berry School, International College and Maryville College. Located and replaced two milestones that had been removed in making the state road. Sent contributions

to the Armenian children.

1922-23: The events of interest which the Chapter carried out these years were; sending our quota for the Board Room in Continental Hall, and payment of our share toward the President General's suite of rooms. Contributed toward the Salvation Army through the American Legion. Started the movement to preserve the "Sleeping Giant," by adopting a resolution, a duplicate of which was sent to Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, which also adopted it, and both of which were sent to the State Park Commission. The Chapter also printed for the Anthology in honor of Mrs. Minor, a poem on the "Sleeping Giant." Sent box of material to Ellis Island. Held a Washington Breakfast and voted to make it an annual affair. Entertained the State meeting of the Daughters in October in the Congregational Church here, and the Chapter felt signally honored by this wonderful gathering of the Daughters.

1925-1926: We celebrated our 15th anniversary in fitting manner; made gifts to the Philippine fund, the National Library, the Caroline Scott Harrison fund, Ellis Island and the Radio fund, and presented an illuminated copy of the prayer of Washington to Humiston School. Voted to give the prizes to those who passed the best and second best examinations on the U. S. A. Constitution, instead of having the pupils in Humiston School write essays. These prizes are

a five and a two-and-a-half-dollar gold piece.

1927-1928: Members of the Chapter placed a bronze tablet on the old "Stepping Stone" brought in early days from Prospect (then Cheshire) to serve as a stepping stone for those coming to church which then stood close to the road in the center of the town. The Rev. Mr. Skilton presented to the Chapter a gavel made from the limb of a tree which stood on Independence Square, Philadelphia. The members also contributed \$150 to place a chair in Constitution Hall in honor of the Chapter's organizing Regent, Miss Nettie C. Smith. The Get-Together luncheon of nearby Chapters was made a yearly affair and two luncheons have been held in Waterman's Inn, attended by Regents and members of neighboring Chapters. The assessment for the College of Women was gladly The Chapter was instrumental in starting a school for the foreign born, which is in its second year. Eight of the first year's class took out their first papers, and others their second papers as a result of the work they did in the school. The class was taught by one of the Chapter members, Mrs. Maltby, and was under the direction of the school board of the town, who granted the petition of the twenty-two signers procured through the efforts of the Chapter. The Chapter has had many famous speakers, has celebrated Washington's Birthday by making it a Guest Day and has helped and stood back of every worth-while undertaking in the town, until it is almost a slogan "If you want anything done well, ask the Daughters.

Administrations: 1910-1917, Miss Nettie C. Smith; 1917-1918, Mrs. Reno Swift; 1918-1922, Miss Nettie C. Smith; 1922-1923, Mrs. Louis F. Haase; 1923-1925, Miss Nettie C. Smith; 1925-1927, Mrs. C. H. Chapman; 1927, Miss

Nettie C. Smith.

Smith, Nettie Cynthia. Born in Cheshire, January 17, 1862, daughter of Alonzo E. and Mary (Simons) Smith. Descendant of Corporal Lemuel Alling, Stephen Judd, and Daniel Clark. Attended private and public schools in Cheshire, and Middletown, Conn., and preparatory school in New York City where she fitted for college. Taught public schools, 1880-1885. Admitted to National Society Daughters of the American Revolution through Hannah Woodruff Chapter, Southington, 1904; was Regent of that Chapter, 1907-1910, and withdrew in 1910 to become organizing Regent of Lady Fenwick Chapter in Cheshire, which was formally instituted by Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel, June 1, 1910.

Miss Smith has served as Regent of Lady Fenwick Chapter, D. A. R., as follows: From 1910-1917, 1918-1922, 1923-1925, 1927, and served as Registrar, 1926-27. Miss Smith is a director of the Public Health Nursing Association, a director of the Public Library Association; chairman of the Cheshire Branch of the New Haven Red Cross Chapter. She is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, a charter member of the Sarah Upson Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans of Southington, is eligible through Thomas Judd to the Daughters of 1812, is an honorary member of the 20th Regiment C. V. and has served it as Secretary for thirty years, and is an appointed Adjutant of E. A. Doolittle Post, G. A. R. of Cheshire.

Swift, Gertrude Skiff. Born in Kent, Conn., January 1, 1863. descendant of Dr. Samuel Fuller of the Mayflower. Also a descendant of Nathan Skiff, Jr. Attended public schools and collegiate seminary in her native town, and served as public school teacher for ten years, 1880-1890. Married Reno Swift, September 17, 1890, and moved to Montana. A charter member of Lady Fenwick Chapter, being admitted in June, 1910, to the National Society, D. A. R. She served as the first Secretary of the Chapter, 1910-1913. Was elected Regent 1917, serving one year and declining a re-election. Has since served as Secretary, 1924-25, as Historian, 1926-27. Mrs. Swift served as a member of the Public Health Nursing Association, Red Cross, and Congregational Church.

Haase, Myrtie Alice Northrop. Born in Waterbury, Conn., April 8, 1882. Descendant of Joel Roberts. Graduate of Crosby High School, Waterbury, and Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh, Pa. Married, August 14, 1917, to Louis Frederick Hasse and has one son, Louis Frederick Hasse, Jr., born October 20, 1924. Served as Vice-Regent of the Chapter, and in June, 1922, was elected Regent and declined re-election owing to her husband's ill health. Member of Trinity Enjected Church Westerburg Court No. 17 Trinity Episcopal Church, Waterbury, Conn. Now lives in New Haven, Conn.

and has been transferred to Eve Lear Chapter in New Haven.

Chapman, Ada Blanche Clark. Born in Middletown, Conn., August 11, 1879. Direct descendant on mother's side of Governor Peters of Connecticut. Attended public schools in her home town, and was married to Charles Hawkins Chapman, October 11, 1899, and has six children. Served as Vice-Regent, 1923-1925, when she was elected Regent, serving until June, 1927. A member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, a member of the Sunshine Society, Public Health Nursing Association and Red Cross.

Charter Members-Lady Fenwick Chapter, D. A. R.

Adams, Mary L. Joined National Society, Daughters of American Revolution June, 1910. Descendant Ebenezer Adams, Isaac Judd, Enos Andrews,

William Ives. Still a loyal and devoted member.

Andrews, Ellen Doolittle, widow of Leonard K. Andrews (1928). Descendant of Ambrose Doolittle. Was admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Age now prevents her meeting with the Chapter but she retains an affectionate interest in its work.

Beach, Nellie Somers, wife of J. Wilbor Beach. Descendant of David Somers. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Served the Chapter several

terms as Historian and on the Advisory Board.

Beadle, Cora Somers, wife of Edgar Beadle. Descendant of David Somers, Dimon Barnes. Admitted to National Society, N. S. D. A. R., June, 1910. Was the first Historian of the Chapter, 1910-1913. Corresponding Secretary, 1913 to her death, February 16, 1914. One of the Chapter's most loyal members, who did much towards its formation and as Historian set a high mark for all future Historians of the Chapter, one not forgotten "whose memory abides with us."

Bell, Clara J. Webber, wife of George W. Bell. Descendant of Stephen Newell. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., October, 1910. Has served

the Chapter several terms on the Advisory Board. Carr, Alice Bertha (Miss). Descendant of Truman French. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Was the first Registrar of the Chapter, 1910-1913, its second Treasurer, served as Auditor for several years. Became a memberat-large, 1925.

Doolittle, Emma Cornelia (Miss). Descendant of David Yale. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Was the first Corresponding Secretary

also served as Registrar and on the Advisory Board.

Durand, Alida Hubbard, wife of Howard W. Durand. Descendant of Watts Hubbard, Jr. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Has served on the Advisory Board.

Durand, Jessie Mary (Miss). Descendant of Samuel Durand, Watts Hubbard, Jr. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., 1910. Was a loyal member.

Withdrew, 1917.

Durand, Stella Maria (Miss). Descendant of Samuel Durand, Watts Hubbard, Jr. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. An active

member but withdrew, 1917.

Frost, Ida L. (Miss). Descendant of David Boland, Jr. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., January 22, 1898. Transferred June, 1910 from Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter to become a charter member of this Chapter. Transferred to "Old York Road" Chapter, January, 1916, Philadelphia, Pa.

Guilford, Mary Linda (Miss). Descendant of Timothy Guilford. to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Served as Historian and Auditor of this Chapter. Died November 2, 1918. A valued member.

Heineman, Annie A. Guilford, wife of William H. Heineman. Descendant of Timothy Guilford. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Has served on the Advisory Board and as Auditor of the Chapter.

Humiston, Emma Louise, wife of Herbert J. Moss, to whom she was married November, 1913. Descendant of Lewis Goodsell. Admitted to National Society,

D. A. R., June, 1910. Withdrew, June, 1917.

Huxley, Louise Whitney, wife of Albert W. Huxley, (now widow). Descendant of Ebenezer Whitney. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Was the first Vice-Regent of the Chapter and has served on the Advisory Board several terms.

Ives, Hattie Todd, wife of Charles E. Ives. Descendant of Thomas Welton. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Has been a valued member

of the Advisory Board many times.

Ives, Lillie Emily, wife of Frederick A. Ives. Descendant of Asahel Hall. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., October, 1906. Served as first Treasurer, 1910-1913, as Vice Regent, again as Treasurer, and on the Advisory Board.

Morgan, Ethel May, now wife of Frederick I. Willetts. Descendant of John R. Watrous. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Married, July 1914. Withdrew, February, 1918. Served as Recording Secretary one term. Peck, Annie Eliza (Miss). Descendant of Samuel Atwater. Admitted to Na-

tional Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Has served as Auditor several times.

Peck, Mary Atwater, widow of John Asa Peck. Descendant of Samuel
Atwater. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Died May 8, 1916. A loyal and helpful member.

Peirce, Stella B. Campbell, widow of Elmer W. Peirce. Descendant of Ebenezer Whitney. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910, as widow of George L. Campbell. Married to Elmer W. Peirce, March, 1920. Is a loyal

and devoted member.

Smith, Nettie C. (Miss). Descendant of Lemuel Alling, Daniel Clark Stephen Judd. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., October 5, 1904. Transferred June, 1910, from Hannah Woodruff Chapter, Southington, of which Chapter she was Regent, 1907-1910, to become the organizing Regent of Lady Fenwick Chapter. Regent 1910-1917, 1918-1922, 1923-1925, 1927-. as Registrar, 1927-.

Spaulding, Grace Merrill, wife of Charles S. Spaulding (now widow). Descendant of Phineas Merrill. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., December 2, 1908. Transferred to Lady Fenwick Chapter from Hannah Woodruff Chapter, Southington, June, 1910. Has served as Chapter Historian, Re-

cording Secretary, and on the Advisory Board.

Spaulding, Anna Merrill, wife of Joseph M. Speake. Descendant of Phineas Merrill, Roswell Marsh. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Married to Joseph M. Speake, September, 1919. Served the Chapter as Treas-

urer and on the Advisory Board. Withdrew December, 1927.

Spaulding, Jessie Goodwin (Miss). Descendant of Phineas Merrill, Roswell Marsh. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Graduate of Mt. Holyoke College. While in Rome, Italy, studying, was taken ill, and not long after her return home, died September 2, 1914.

Speake, Anna Hotchkiss, wife of Joseph M. Speake. Descendant of Gideon Hotchkiss. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., March 5, 1907. Transferred from Hannah Woodruff Chapter, Southington, June, 1910, to become a charter member of Lady Fenwick. Divorced. Married December 9, 1916, James Ward. Withdrew December, 1923.

Swift, Gertrude Skiff, wife of Reno Swift. Descendant of Nathan Skiff, Jr. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Was the first Recording Secretary of the Chapter, also Historian. Regent 1917-1918; and also Vice-

Regent.

Stoddard, Mary Brown, wife of Edward J. Stoddard. Descendant of Robert Brown. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Has served on the Advisory Board and committees.

Todd, Edna J. (Miss). Descendant of Thomas Welton. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Withdrew February, 1918.

Walter, Abbie Atwater, wife of Jacob D. Walter. Descendant of Samuel Atwater. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., June, 1910. Served the Chapter as Corresponding Secretary, Registrar and on the Advisory Board.

Died August 8, 1927. A loyal member.

Willetts, Cornelia Ives, wife of Fred A. Willetts (now widow). Descendant of Ebenezer Lines. Admitted to National Society, D. A. R., October 6, 1909. Transferred from Hannah Woodruff Chapter, Southington, to become charter member of Lady Fenwick Chapter, June, 1910. Has served the Chapter as Auditor and on the Advisory Board.

LUCRETIA SHAW CHAPTER

New London

Organized October 21, 1892 No. 2 Members 226

Meets first Monday in each month, October to June, inclusive.

The Chapter chose its name in honor of Lucretia Harris Shaw, wife of Nathaniel Shaw, Jr. As with many other women of Revolutionary days, Lucretia Harris came to prominence through the distinguished family and service

of her husband, Nathaniel Shaw, Jr. Lucretia was the only child of Daniel Harris and as part of her inheritance from her father received land near the New London Light House. It is a most interesting fact that in those early days a popular way of raising money was by lottery. Churches and bridges were erected, streets repaired and other public works were carried on by this method. In 1760 a lottery was granted to build a light house at the entrance of New London Harbor. By the way, this was the first light house upon the Connecticut coast. And the rocky ledge upon which our light house is built was purchased by the Governor and Company from Nathaniel Shaw, Jr.

Nathaniel Shaw, Jr., was an enterprising merchant and performed important service to his country during the Revolution, particularly in naval affairs. His judgment in that department was esteemed far ahead of all others in the Colony. Very early in the days of the War he dispatched his own pleasure craft, "The Queen of France," to the West Indies with the orders, "Buy powder and return

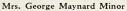
at once."

The beautiful old Shaw mansion was built by Nathaniel Shaw, Sr., with the stone quarried from his own ground. Into this beautiful home, centrally located, into the social position and large wealth of the Shaw family, Nathaniel, Jr., brought his wife, Lucretia. Here she had every opportunity to be the charming mistress, for here were entertained most of the distinguished strangers and officers visiting the town. Their table was rarely without guests. To this home came often Governor Trumbull, an intimate personal friend. Nathan Hale was a constant visitor. Officers of both Army and Navy frequented this home and so, of course, General Washington was entertained here when he visited New London. What animated conversation must have been carried on around that table, and around the fireplace after the evening meal, what grave and important matters discussed. And sharing all and having a part was Lucretia Shaw, as we read, they were always the most devoted of couples.

At the opening of the Revolution they were both in the very prime of life.

Mr. Shaw being forty and she a few years younger. As in their home life so did they co-operate most devotedly and earnestly in the patriotic duties of these darker days. Here Lucretia found abundant field for all her gracious gifts, an open hand for want, a pitying eye for suffering, a loving kindness to comfort and a Christian love towards all. She was most impartial in her care and







Mrs. William S. Chappell Organizing Regent



Mrs. Alfred Cort

sympathy, distinguished patriots and suffering soldiers and sailors were regarded by her alike. The more especial objects of her compassion were the prisoners from the floating jails of British posts.

One of the very worst things the enemy did was to stab and kill secretly those they could not kill openly. Those surviving this awful fate were immediately crowded into prison ships and confined. Disease broke out among them and many died without any relief whatever. In December, 1781, one hundred thirty of these surviving victims were landed here at New London from New York in a most deplorable condition. Sick and dying, their few clothes covered with vermin, no public hospital or any provision to receive them. To these miserable objects Lucretia Shaw devoted herself, ministering and daily attending them in her own home. Many of them were infected with the contagious disease, and worn and tired out by her devoted service she contracted the fatal fever and after a brief illness, died December 11, 1781. Her husband's death occurred only a few months later.

From her beautiful home, her many friends, Lucretia Shaw went forth in service and laid down her life for her country as truly as did the soldiers who fell in battle.

Mrs. Isabel Norton Culver Chappell, wife of William S. Chappell, having been previously appointed organizing Regent by Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim, called a meeting at her home for the purpose of forming a D. A. R. Chapter.

Mrs. Chappell was the great, great granddaughter of Esther Chapman and Lieutenant Richard Chapman who lost his life in the battle of Groton Heights, September 6, 1781.

Each Daughter was requested to bring her oldest cup and saucer. The cups and saucers brought by the Daughters, and what a rare collection it must have been, were set out upon a table once the property of Mrs. Chappell's great, great grandmother, Mrs. Richard Chapman. In the center of the table was a jar of pinks of the variety known as the "American Flag." There about that table in such a setting our Chapter was born. It was not until later that it was christened Lucretia Shaw. The officers and members were: Regent, Mrs. Wm. S. Chappell; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Marian R. H. Stayner; Secretary, Miss Mary J. Turner; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Grace Potter Johnson; Treasurer, Mrs. Frederick M. Smith; Historian, Miss Jane R. Perkins; Registrar, Mrs. Catherine A. D. Bramble.

The other members were: Mrs. Mary Sill, Mrs. Adriana Smith Marsh, Mrs. Sara Elizabeth Gore Denison, Miss Alice Chew, Mrs. Mary Comstock Viets, Mrs. Augusta T. Lynch, Mrs. Mary Potter Eakin, Miss Annie E. Wheeler, Miss Helen Morgan Avery, Mrs. Mary Lynch Dunford.

REGENTS

1892-1894: Mrs. Isabel Culver Chappell (William S.), organizing Regent of Lucretia Shaw Chapter, D. A. R., was born in New London, the daughter of Christopher and Ellen Harris Culver, November 2, 1849. She died September 25, 1914, and as a testimonial to her the Chapter placed a bronze D. A. R. marker







Mrs. Sidney H. Miner

Mrs. Leander K. Shipman

Mrs. Ernest Rogers

on her grave in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London, Conn.

1894-1897: Miss Alice Chew was again elected Regent in 1901, serving three years more. She was born in New London, the daughter of Mary Law and Coleby Chew. Miss Chew was a most able Regent, giving lavishly of her time and means and was dearly beloved by all who knew her. She died after a short illness and rests in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London, Conn.

1897-1899: Miss Jane R. Perkins who became the third Regent was a direct lineal descendant of Nathaniel Shaw of Revolutionary fame. She was born in the Shaw Mansion, former home of the patron saint of the Chapter; the daughter of Nathaniel Shaw Perkins, M. D., and Ellen Richards. Miss Perkins was a charter member and an able Regent, taking pride in the Chapter named for her ancestor, and in her historic old home, now permanently preserved by The New

London County Historical Society.

1899-1901: Mrs. Alfred Coit, (Gertrude Barker) wife of Judge Coit, was born in Seaford, Delaware, October 21, 1866, the daughter of David O. Barker and Mary J. Grant. Mrs. Coit spared herself in no way to further the aims and to increase the membership of the Chapter. She died December 12, 1926,

after a long illness.

1901-1904: Miss Chew again in the chair.

1904-1907: Mrs. Leander K. Shipman (Mary F. Whiton) was an efficient parliamentarian, and the Chapter work in all its branches was faultlessly carried on under her leadership. She was honored with the office of State Councilor, also that of State Corresponding Secretary. She was born July 21, 1867, the daughter

of David and Asenath Frances Whiton. 1907-1909: Mrs. Ernest E. Rogers (Fanny Gorton) wife of the present Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut, was born in East Lyme, Conn., April 4, 1865, the daughter of Orlando Collins Gorton and Fanny Ellen Spencer. She served the Chapter as Treasurer for seven years; Treasurer Connecticut D. A. R. two years; member State Regents Council two years; Treasurer Connecticut D. A. R. special fund towards restoration of Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in New London; Director Ellsworth Memorial Association. During her Regency the Bulkeley Memorial tablet was erected.

1909-1913: President General, 1920-1923. Mrs. George Maynard Minor was born in East Lyme, Connecticut, April 7, 1864, the daughter of James Rogers and Nancy Beckwith. In 1895, she married Dr. George Maynard Minor. He

died June, 1924. Complete biography on page 21.

1913-1916: Mrs. Sidney H. Miner (Lucy Bishop) the daughter of Giles and Charlotte Comstock Bishop, was born in New London, Conn., April 28, 1870. She served for three years and again from 1918-1920. In 1922, history repeated itself, for once more Mrs. Miner was elected Regent and served for

five years. Ten years is certainly a proud record, each year showing a gain in Chapter work, educational, social and financial. During Mrs. Miner's last term of office the Chapter had gained the necessary membership that entitled it to two delegates at the D. A. R. Congress in Washington, a goal long striven for but frustrated many times by the grim reaper. Mrs. Miner shares with Mrs. George Maynard Minor the honors of Honorary Regent of Lucretia Shaw Chapter, D. A. R. At the State meeting at Watertown, March, 1914, she had the privilege of presenting the name of Mrs. George Maynard Minor for Vice-President General, and five years later at Norwalk, presented Mrs. Minor's name for President General. During the World War she was Chairman of the Woman's Committee, National Council of Defense and was also President of the local Y. W. C. A.

1916-1918: Miss Cora A. Marsh was the daughter of Daniel S. and Adriana Marsh. She was the first Daughter of a Daughter, to occupy the Regent's chair. Miss Marsh not only served as Regent during the early part of the World War, but as Chapter representative, secured permission from Washington, and or-

ganized a Red Cross Chapter in New London.

1918-1920: Mrs. Sidney H. Miner again in the chair.

1920-1922: Mrs. Bryan F. Mahan (Margaret Whittlesey) was born March 14, 1868, the daughter of Ezra Chappell and Elizabeth Tinker Whittlesey. She was the wife of Mayor and Congressman Mahan. She served acceptably for two years.

1922-1927: Mrs. Sidney H. Miner again in the chair.

1927 -: Miss Elizabeth Gorton, a life member, was elected Regent in June, 1927, and still holds that office (1929). She was born in East Lyme, Conn., February 8, 1868, the daughter of Orlando Collins Gorton and Fanny Ellen Spencer. She has served the Chapter as Corresponding Secretary for three years, and as Recording Secretary for four years. There are now two hundred and twenty-eight members.

Lucretia Shaw Chapter has been fortunate in its Regents, all being able, conscientious and patriotic women. Under their leadership the Chapter has been able to fulfil every pledge made by it, Chapter, State and National. Many thousands of dollars have been contributed to Memorial, Patriotic and Educational work, and we feel that our Patron Saint would say, "Well done."

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH M. BOYLSTON, Historian.

MARANA NORTON BROOKS CHAPTER

Torrington

Organized March 24, 1896

No. 31

Members 80

Meets third Wednesday of each month from October to May, inclusive.

Marana Norton Brooks Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was organized March 24, 1896, under the name of the Torrington Chapter, by the State Regent, Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, at the home

of Mrs. John W. Brooks.

Its charter, No. 218, dated May 11, 1896, gives the following list of officers and charter members: Officers -Regent, Mrs. Andrew E. Workman; Vice-Regent, Mrs. W. H. K. Godfrey; Recording Secretary, Miss M. E. Stocking; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Talcott; Registrar, Mrs. Eliza S. Travis; Treasurer, Miss Mary E. Brooks.

Charter members: Mrs. Marana Norton Brooks, Mrs. Charlotte Taylor Workman, Mrs. Phoebe Buell Talcott, Miss Martha Eliza Stocking, Mrs. Eliza Seymour Travis, Miss Amanda Collins Brooks, Miss Mary Eliza Brooks, Mrs. Adelaide Coe Godfrey, Miss Ella Seymour Coe, Mrs. Alice Brooker Doughty, Miss Maria Norton, Miss Sarah Beach Norton, Mrs. Ida Catharine Prince, Mrs. Elizabeth Frisbie Migeon, Mrs. Louise Mrs. Marana Norton Brooks



Alvord Carpenter, Mrs. Kate F. Thursfield, Mrs. Ella R. Dikeman, Miss Adeline

L. Dunbar, Miss Margaret M. Travis, Mrs. Gertrude Fyler Hotchkiss.

Mrs. Marana Norton Brooks, at whose home the first meeting was held, would without doubt have been the first Regent of the Chapter, had her health permitted since to her efforts the formation of a Chapter at that time was due. As it was, the honor of being the first Regent fell to Mrs. Charlotte Taylor Workman.

Mrs. Marana Norton Brooks, "Mother of the Chapter," was born in Goshen, March 9, 1830. She was the daughter of Lewis M. Norton and Laura Foote. On November 20, 1860, she was married to John Wadhams Brooks by whom she had two children, Mary Eliza Brooks, a much esteemed member of this Chapter, and John Norton Brooks. The gavel of the Chapter, made from a piece of "Charter Oak" was a gift from Mrs. Brooks. She also gave a piece of "Charter Oak" from which four ornamental pieces were cut for the corners of the frame of the Charter. Her death occurred January 27, 1905. As a tribute to her memory, the name of the Chapter was changed in 1912 to Marana Norton

Brooks Chapter.

In the thirty-two years of its existence, the membership of the Chapter has grown to eighty-two. Only six of the Charter members are living and two of the six have transferred to another Chapter. Besides paying the assessments levied by the National and State Societies, the Chapter has donated over one thousand dollars for scholarships, distributed for the most part, among Mary-ville College, Blue Ridge Industrial School, Berry School and the American International College; contributed over two hundred dollars to the Continental Hall Fund; has bought three acres of land in Peoples Forest. During the war it bought liberally of Liberty Bonds, spent almost one hundred dollars for wool and knitted for Red Cross, took French war orphans at a cost of \$328.50. It oversubscribed its quota of bonds for Constitution Hall. Every school room in the city is provided with a copy of the flag code and every pupil in night school is provided with a copy of the Manual. This last year we have given out two hundred sixty extra copies. Besides, over four hundred dollars has been spent in local patriotic and charity work.

The outstanding work of the Chapter has been the gift to the town on June 10, 1921, of a fountain at a cost of five thousand dollars. The fountain was unveiled by little Alice Elizabeth Austin, great granddaughter of Marana Norton Brooks and presented to the town by Mrs. Anna Calhoun Bennett, the Regent. The fountain is made of Milford, N. H., granite, not only artistic in appearance but of the most durable construction possible. It rests on a foundation of cement and blocks which extend six feet into the ground. All pipes are of brass. The weight of the bowl and ornamental shaft is about seven tons. The bowl is fed by streams of water issuing from the mouths of dolphins. Between the dolphins are chiseled wheels, the emblems of the D. A. R. Above the dolphins and wheels is this inscription: "This fountain presented to the Town of Torrington by the Daughters of the American Revolution, A. D. 1921."

Twenty-six S. A. R. markers were placed on Revolutionary soldiers graves in

the Harwinton Cemeteries, May 29, 1928.

REGENTS

Mrs. Charlotte Taylor Workman, 1896-1898. Born in Torrington, Conn., December 11, 1834, daughter of Charles Samuel Church and Charlotte Austin Taylor. Descendant of Ebenezer Taylor who served as private in Continental Army, 1st Regiment, 4th Company from Litchfield, Conn. Married Andrew E.

Workman, May 31, 1883. Died March 5, 1912.

Mrs. Sarah Gray Jones, 1898-1899. Born in Sauquoit, Oneida County, New York, daughter of Hiram Gray and Delia Louisa Barnett. Descendant of Moses Wiley Gray who served as minute man at Templeton, Mass., and as a private soldier at Battle of Lexington. Married John R. Jones. Children: Barnett, who served in engineering corps in World War; Roger; Harris, honor student and graduate of West Point, serving as Captain in World War. Served Chapter as Secretary and Historian. Died June 2, 1920.

Mrs. Emma Phippeny Brown, 1899-1901. Born in Meriden, Conn., October 26, 1867, daughter of William Phippeny and O'rpha A. Rogers. Married Fred S. Brown, September 14, 1899. Children, Orpha Brown (Mrs. Allison H. Mitchell).

Revolutionary ancestor, Philip Rogers, Ensign under Captain Ephraim Woodworth, 13th Albany County Regiment of New York State Militia, which regiment was in active service during Revolution. Served Chapter as Historian and

Secretary.

Mrs. Anna Spittle Calhoun Bennett, 1901-1903, 1910-1911, 1915-1923. Born in Torrington, Conn., February 13, 1872, daughter of Major William Spittle and Catharine Raymond Spittle. Married John Calhoun, November 23, 1899, who died November 19, 1918. Children: Catherine Clarissa Calhoun, John Fay Calhoun. Married Charles E. Bennett, August 1, 1925. Chairman of Torrington Chapter, American Red Cross. Has served Chapter as Vice-Regent, and Secretary.

Miss Mary Eliza Brooks, 1903-1905, 1909-1910. Born in Goshen, Conn., November 19, 1863, daughter of John Wadhams Brooks and Marana L. Norton. Descendant of Joseph Brooks who enlisted in 1777 and served under General Gates. Served Chapter as Vice-Regent, Historian and Registrar. Was made

Honorary Regent May 15, 1912. Died October 16, 1913.

Mrs. Jennie Scoville Wheeler Holley, 1905-1907. Born New Hartford, Conn., May 18, 1862, daughter of Charles Wilson Scoville and Mary Sophia Potter. Descendant of Captain Amos Wilson who served as Captain in 8th Colonel Gray's Regiment. Married Homer C. Wheeler, October 18, 1882, who died September 13, 1905. Married Frank N. Holley, January 30, 1913. Served Chapter as Secretary.

Mrs. Frank Raymond Agard, 1907-1909. Born New York City, December 22, 1867. Educated in New York City. Married Charles Graves Agard, June 25, 1895. Children, Marjorie (Mrs. Graham Shields). Served Chapter as Vice-

Regent and Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Elsie Rood Chapin, 1911-1913. Born Norfolk, Conn., February 22, 1874, daughter of Humphrey Rood and Emma Tobey Rood. Educated at Robbins School. Descendant of Joseph Smith who enlisted April 18, 1877, 3rd Regiment Connecticut. Married Norman Kellogg Bills Chapin, October 12, 1901. Resides in Litchfield, Conn. Served Chapter as Historian.

Mrs. Josephine Hotchkiss Pease, 1913-1915. Born Torrington, Conn., November 29, 1865, daughter of Edward C. Hotchkiss and Amelia Briggs. Descendant of Gideon Hotchkiss who served as Captain. Married Harlow A. Pease, June 1, 1893. Children, Ralph H. Pease, Marian A. Pease (Mrs. George Edward

Palmer). Served Chapter as Vice-Regent.

Mrs. Isabel Coe Vogel, 1923-1925, 1927-. Born Torrington, Conn., February 17, 1872, daughter of Oliver Pitkin Coe and Annie Ashborn, descendant of Captain Seth Coe, who enlisted at age of eighteen, and served as private throughout war, receiving pension for protracted service; after war, becoming Captain of Militia. Married George J. Vogel, June 21, 1916. Served

Chapter as Secretary.

Mrs. Eloise Morton Thomson, 1925-1927. Born Chelsea, Mich., May 14, 1875, daughter of Andrew Nathaniel Morton and Betty Norman Congdon. Graduate of University of Michigan, 1900. Descendant of Amasa Standish of Preston, Conn., great grandson of Captain Myles Standish of Duxbury, Mass. Married Dr. Thomas Leonard Thomson, A. B. Princeton, M. D. Hahnemann Medical, Philadelphia, September 16, 1903. Children, twin daughters, born March 11, 1907, Janet Fayreweather Thomson, Elisabeth Morton Thomson. Director of Ellsworth Home Association, 1926-1929. Has served the Chapter as Historian.

MARTHA PITKIN WOLCOTT CHAPTER

East Hartford and South Windsor

Organized December 6, 1898 No. 41

Members 91

Meets third Friday in each month, October to June, inclusive.

History of Chapter name: The Chapter is named for Martha Pitkin, sister of William Pitkin, who came to what is now East Hartford in 1659, the pioneer of the Pitkin family in this country. About two years later, probably in 1661,



Anna M. Olmsted



Mrs. Thomas E. Carroll

Martha came from London to visit her brother, intending, it is said, to try to persuade him to return to England. Instead, however, she herself remained as the wife of Simon Wolcott, youngest son of Henry Wolcott of the notable Wolcott family of South Windsor, then known as East Windsor.

This remarkable woman of proud lineage, fine education, and cultivated manners, became the mother of Governor Roger Wolcott, and ancestor of Oliver Wolcott, of Oliver Wolcott, Jr., and of Roger Griswold, also governors of Connecticut. She is said to be the ancestor of seven Governors of Connecticut and other states. Through her descendants she vitally influenced the conduct of the Revolution, a grandson, Oliver Wolcott, being a member of the Continental Congress, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and a leader in the Revolutionary Army. Other grandsons also served as officers and fought gallantly.

For all these reasons East Hartford and South Windsor may well honor

the name of Martha Pitkin Wolcott.

List of charter members: Miss Anna M. Olmsted, organizing Regent, 1898-1919. Honorary Regent since 1919. Has served on State Regent's Council. Dr. Mary Starr Tudor, first Vice-Regent, later Historian. Miss Harriet T. Kilbourne, Recording Secretary, 1898-1919. In 1919 received the title of Honorary Secretary by vote of Chapter. Miss Frances L. Roberts, Registrar 1898-1924, Consulting Registrar since 1924. Mrs. A. Edward Olmsted, first Corresponding Secretary. Miss Ellen C. Stanley, first Treasurer. Mrs. Lewis Sperry, first Historian, contributed article on Martha Pitkin Wolcott to "Our Patron Saints." Miss Anne E. Olmsted. Mrs. Edwin Dwight Farnham, Mrs. Henry R. Hayden, Miss Adelaide M. Loomis, served as Treasurer; Miss Catherine S. Stanley, Mrs. Joseph O. Goodwin. Still living and members of Chapter, Miss Anna M. Olmsted, Honorary Regent, and Miss Frances L. Roberts, Consulting Registrar.

Chapter Regents: Miss Anna M. Olmsted, 1898-1919; Mrs. Thomas E. Carroll, 1919-1923, elected to State Council in 1924; Mrs. P. Miles Snyder, 1923-1925; (Note: Mrs. Snyder was re-elected Regent for a second term of two years on May 15, 1925, and died in office May 23, 1925.) Miss Mary L. Williams, 1925-1927; (Note: Miss Williams held the office of Vice-Regent at the time of Mrs. Snyder's death and became Regent for the balance of Mrs. Snyder's term).

Miss Mary L. Williams, 1927-.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS

Miss Olmsted's Regency: In 1902, Meetinghouse Green, the site of the first two buildings of the Third Church of Hartford, now known as the First Congregational Church of East Hartford, was reclaimed and marked with a boulder suitably inscribed. The Chapter contributed to all projects sponsored by the National and State organization, including help for a number of southern schools and the Manual for Immigrants known in the early days as "La Guida." The years of the World War found the Chapter most active in Red Cross work.



Mary L. Williams



Frances L. Roberts

Mrs. Carroll's Regency: All Chapter activities increased with the renewed demands made upon us.

Mrs. Snyder's Regency: Celebration of twenty-fifth anniversary of organization of Chapter. Continued growth in members and loyalty to National and State projects.

Miss Williams' Regency: The Chapter continued prosperous and useful, with the largest membership at any time in its history.

BIOGRAPHIES OF REGENTS

Miss Anna M. Olmsted, a lineal descendant of Martha Pitkin Wolcott through her son, Governor Roger Wolcott. Born in East Hartford, daughter of Ashbel and Emeline (Stanley) Olmsted. Studied music in Hartford, Conn., and New York City. Church singer of experience, teacher of piano and singing. Organized Martha Pitkin Wolcott Chapter, served as its Regent twenty-one years, then made Honorary Regent for life; served as member of State Regent's Council. Lives on spot where eight generations of Olmsteds have lived. Has traveled extensively in this country and Europe.

Mrs. Thomas E. Carroll (Carrie Brewer) born 1858, Hartford, Conn., daughter of Sherman Allen and Diantha (Spencer) Brewer. Graduated Hartford Public High School, 1878. Two children, Frank Selden Preston and Mrs. Charles H. Champlin. Three grandchildren. Member of State Regent's Council, 1924-1926. Member Connecticut Chapter, Daughters of Founders and Patriots.

Mrs. P. Miles Snyder (Constance Hickok) born in Burlington, Vermont, April 16, 1876, daughter of Horatio and Harriet (Whiting) Hickok. Educated in the public schools of Burlington and Miss Spence's School in New York City. In 1905 traveled abroad, spending winter in Dresden, Germany. Taught in Gedik Pasha School, Constantinople, Turkey, 1906-1908. Married February 4, 1909, Rev. P. Miles Snyder, then pastor in Rockford, Illinois. One son, Horatio Miles, born January 12, 1911. Came to East Hartford 1913, when Dr. Snyder assumed pastorate of First Congregational Church. Active in church and social work. Vice-Regent of Martha Pitkin Wolcott Chapter 1919-1921, 1921-1923. Died in East Hartford May 23, 1925.

Miss Mary Loomis Williams, born February 25, 1875, East Hartford, Conn., daughter of Edward A. and M. Aurelia (Burnham) Williams. B. A. Wellesley College, 1897; B. D. Hartford Theological Seminary, 1901; traveled in Great Britain, summer of 1901; B. Rel. Ped. Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, 1905; pastor's assistant, Bennington, Vermont; New Haven and Bristol, Conn., 1905-1911. Historian First Congregational Church, East Hartford, member Wellesley Club and Hartford Y. W. C. A. Vice-Regent Martha Pitkin Wolcott Chapter, D. A. R., 1923-1925. Regent to fill vacancy caused by death of Mrs.

Snyder, 1925-1927.



Emily Louise Gerry



Mrs. William Hamilton Moseley



Mrs. Frederick B. Street



Mrs. Morris F. Tyler



Mrs. Sara T. Kinney



Mrs. Hubert M. Sedgwick



Sarah Booth Champion



Mrs. Berry Lee Mott



Mrs. Sarah E. Welch

MARY CLAP WOOSTER CHAPTER

NEW HAVEN

Organized April 21, 1893 No. 8

Members 614

Meets second Monday in each month from October to May, inclusive.

OUR "PATRON SAINT"

Mary Clap Wooster was the wife of Major General David Wooster, and a daughter of Thomas Clap, President of Yale College from 1740 to 1766. She was a woman of rare qualities, and entered with great ardor into the cause of Independence, sustaining her husband by her brave and patriotic spirit through the uncertainties and anxieties of his military career.

General Wooster was a native of Connecticut, born in 1711. He was educated at Yale College, and took his first degree in 1738. In 1775 he was appointed the first Major General of militia in his native State, and held the position until he fell, mortally wounded by the British, in their attack on Danbury, 1777.

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The home of General Wooster and his wife was in New Haven, and here Mrs. Wooster lived during her long widowhood, suffering loss of fortune, through the disasters of the War, and enduring privations with self-forgetful fortitude. When her days were ended she was laid at rest in the Grove Street Cemetery, where a simple monument stands in memory of her noble life.

The Chapter was organized at the home of Mrs. Morris F. Tyler. Eighteen ladies were there: Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim, State Regent, was present to give details of work already undertaken by the National Society and tell of the progress made in Connecticut where seven Chapters had so far organized. Twelve ladies agreed to send in their papers at once. Elections followed, resulting as follows:

For Regent, Mrs. E. G. Salisbury. (She declined to serve and Miss Emily Louise Gerry was elected and consented to take the office though, owing to her advanced age, she could not participate actively in affairs.) For Vice-Regent, Mrs. Morris F. Tyler; for Treasurer, Mrs. William Beebe; for Registrar, Mrs. George F. Newcomb. (She was already a member of the National Society.) Mrs. Newcomb agreed to act as Secretary temporarily but Mrs. E. H. Jenkins was soon elected to that office.

A temporary organization having taken place, the next essential step was to apply for a Charter which was granted October 4, 1893, and bore the number 53. The ladies named in the application are Delia F. Audubon Tyler, Eugenia L. Morris, Sara T. Kinney, Harriet A. Oakes Sargent, Evelyn McCurdy Salisbury, Martha Day Porter, Annie Palfrey Day, Idalina Darrow, Elizabeth Selden Eaton, Caroline Tuttle Brooks, Clara Lines de Bussey, Catherine Chapman Treat, Nancy A. Moore Foote, Sarah E. Champion, Ellen W. Parmalee Deming, besides the officers, Emily L. Gerry, Elizabeth Foote Jenkins, Lydia W. Bolles Newcomb, Elizabeth Febiger Beebe.

The following April the Chapter Charter was shown framed; part of the wood forming the frame was from an oak beam, formerly in the Wooster House, with hand-wrought nails also from there. Part of the frame is of oak from the famous Charter Oak. It was carved by Miss Elizabeth Sheldon.

Connecticut was the first State to hold a State Conference and Mary Clap Wooster Chapter had the honor of being hostess Chapter to this first conference which met in the Church of the Redeemer, May 16, 1894.

The Regents have been as follows: Miss Emily Louise Gerry, 1893-1894; Mrs. Morris F. Tyler, 1894-1896; Mrs. Henry Champion, 1896-1901; Mrs. William H. Moseley, 1901-1904; Mrs. David T. Welch, 1904-1906; Mrs. Franklin F. Knous, 1906-1908; Mrs. Frederick B. Street, 1908-1910; Mrs. Charles F. Messinger, 1910-1914; Mrs. John T. Manson, 1914-1915; Mrs. Berry Lee Mott, 1915-1916; Mrs. Hubert M. Sedgwick, 1916-1919; Mrs. Frank W. Hodge, 1919-1921; Miss Mary Louise Pardee, 1921-1923; Miss Emeline A. Street, 1923-1926; Mrs. Merton W. Handy, 1926-.

Miss Emily Louise Gerry First Regent, 1893-1894

Miss Gerry was a "Real Daughter" and the only one in the country ever chosen to the position of Regent. She was too old at the time of her election to do active service but her interest was keen. Emily Louise Gerry was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1802, the youngest of eleven children of Hon. Elbridge

Gerry and his wife, Ann Thompson. From 1742 until his death in 1814, Mr. Gerry was prominent in the service of his country. He signed the Declaration of Independence, served as delegate to the First Continental Congress, Governor of Massachusetts and Vice-President of the United States. Most of his fortune inherited from his father, Thomas Gerry was devoted to his country. When



Mrs. Frank W. Hodge



Mary Louise Pardee

she became a widow, Mrs. Gerry lived for several years in Boston, then in New London and finally in New Haven where Miss Gerry resided until her death, December 28, 1894. She was a woman of extensive reading, familiar with the literature of her day and interested in the political affairs of the nation. Her garden was especially dear to her for she was a fine botanist. The Gerry house stood on the corner of Temple and Wall Streets until taken down in 1897. She, with several of her brothers and sisters is buried in Grove Street Cemetery.

Miss Gerry died December 28, 1894, though official recognition of the death was not given the Chapter until its regular meeting of the following February at which time, Mrs. Morris F. Tyler, the efficient Vice-Regent, was chosen Regent

serving until 1896.

Mrs. Morris F. Tyler 1894-1896

Delia Talman Audubon Tyler, wife of Morris F. Tyler, was the second Regent of the Chapter. Her National number 3,380, Chapter number 2. Rosa Wright Smith was then Registrar General, Eugenia Washington, Recording Secretary General. Mrs. Tyler was a descendant of Commodore Audubon, born in Sable D'Olhouse about 1740, dying in La Gebertiere, France, in 1813. He commanded one of Rochambeau's vessels. Mrs. Tyler herself was born in New York City, her father being Victor Gifford Audubon, her mother Georgiana Richards Mallory.

Mrs. Tyler was interested in the Chapter from its start, serving as Vice-Regent, 1893-94. Her wise judgment and sturdy common sense were of great benefit to the young organization and were felt in the State councils. One of the first Chapter outings was at Mrs. Tyler's summer home in Woodbridge. Mrs.

Tyler resigned from the Chapter May 10, 1915.

Proportional representation adopted throughout the State. Mrs. Kinney chosen State Regent 1895. State asked a five cent per capita assessment to pay

for State conferences.

Mrs. Virginia Curtis, Chapter Historian, wrote a sketch of Mary Clap Wooster, whom the Chapter took as "Patron Saint." This sketch was printed in the American Monthly. On April 19, 1895, Mr. Horace Day presented the Chapter with a gavel made from wood of the Mary Clap Wooster house (it was the 145th

anniversary of her marriage.)

November 9, 1896, Mary Wooster Chapter of Danbury, whose Patron Saint is the same lady, sent representatives to a New Haven Chapter meeting. The Danbury Regent, after describing the raid there and General Wooster's death, presented New Haven Chapter with a gavel and block made from wood of the house in which General Wooster died. Mrs. Tyler had previously given the Danbury Chapter a gavel made from wood from the Wooster house here, a photograph of this home and of Mary Clap Wooster's tombstone.

Mrs. Henry Champion 1896-1901

Sarah E. Booth Champion, third Regent of the Chapter, was one of its charter members, her National number being 3,392. She was born November 21, 1832 and lived almost her entire life in New Haven. Next to her love for her church came her devotion to her country, shown in her service to the Chapter. Her Regency was the longest in the Chapter's history. After that, she was Chaplain until 1916. For many years, the Board meetings were held at her home. She wrote several historical papers for the Chapter, the one entitled "Our Flag" being most widely known and having the honor of being read in Washington. It was at her suggestion that the July 4th patriotic service was started, a practice never since omitted. A prayer of her composition is still used in Chapter meetings. Mrs. Champion died February 23, 1917. Care of the Clap lot in Grove Street Cemetery undertaken in 1897 was the

first memorial work by the Chapter. Exchange of historical papers between

Chapters suggested.

The Amos Morris Society was the first in the State, organized October 29, Very early in its history the Chapter became interested in Maryville College, through Miss Margaret Henry and a little later in the Berry School so that it was among the pioneers in that field. It early became active in locating and marking the graves of Revolutionary soldiers in New Haven and nearby towns.

In 1897 the Chapter voted to hold an early morning prayer service on July 4th and this has continued to be a practice. May, 1898, the Chapter adopted Miss Esther Hassan, making her a life member and giving forty dollars to provide outfits for her work in bringing sick and wounded soldiers from the scenes of the Spanish American War to northern hospitals. A pleasant result of this was that Mary Clap Wooster Chapter was the first to be recognized by the Surgeon General of Navy and War Departments.

When the State Legislature passed a law providing punishment for the desecration of the Flag, the Chapter had this law printed in English, German and

Italian papers.

Memorial work done by the Chapter up to the World War is as follows: Bronze tablet, Zunder School on home of David and Mary Clap Wooster, diagonally across from the tablet marking the site of the first sermon preached in New Haven (1638). Mounted cannon at Lighthouse Point. Mounted cannon

at Edgewood Park.

Contributions were made by the Chapter to Defenders' Monument on Congress Avenue; to Nathan Hale School House, New London; to the monument "Prison Ship Martyrs"; to the memorial statues of Washington and Lafayette in Paris; to old "Key Home"; to the Pocahontas Memorial; to a memorial to Miss Gerry in Memorial Continental Hall; to a portrait of Mrs. Harrison in Washington; to memorials to Oliver Ellsworth; to Wolf's Den purchase. The Chapter has given its regular quotas for things asked by the State and National Societies.

Mrs. William H. Moseley 1901-1904

Florence Chamberlain Moseley, fourth Regent of Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, was the wife of William Hamilton Moseley, so long proprietor of the New Haven House. She was a life member, accepted by the National Society June 7, 1894. She was born in Winsted, Conn., her father being William Anson Chamberlain, her mother Harriette Malory Camp. She died October 6, 1920.

Through the instrumentality of the Chapter, with Mrs. Frank Porter as direct agent, the descendants of Oliver Ellsworth gave to the State D. A. R. his Windsor homestead, which we all prize so highly. October 8, 1903, was the date of the

formal transference of the deed.

Mrs. Frederick B. Street 1908-1910

The fifteenth anniversary of the Chapter was celebrated with historical sketch and program. Each year money was raised for Continental Hall and the Chapter contributed \$50 in addition to its share of the \$2,000 for the Connecticut Column in honor of Mrs. Kinney and the \$100 for the Bronze Doors. Ten full sets of the American Monthly Magazine were given to Elizabeta Porter Putnam Chapter D. A. R. of Putnam, Connecticut. The Fourth of July services in one of the churches on the Green were carried on with the children of the Orphan Asylum present each year to sing The Star Spangled Banner. Gifts from Chapter were \$100 to Continental Hall, \$25 for "Guida" (predecessor of the Manual), \$150



Emeline A. Street State Vice Regent



Mrs. Merton W. Handy

to Suffield Institute, \$100 to Maryville College, \$10 to General Montbrow Chapter, Maryland, for Hungerford Tavern, \$50 to Miss Berry's School, pledge of \$100 for Defender's Monument Association, voted to give a City Flag to city of New Haven, \$50 in memory of Miss Emily Gerry, Chapter's first Regent, and daughter of Elbridge Gerry, to place her name on the honor tablet in Continental Hall. Work of identification of seventy graves of Revolutionary soldiers begun. Educational work done in Maryville College, Suffield Institute, Miss Berry's School and among Italians of city. Reception given to General David Humphreys Society, S. A. R., to Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard, to State Officers and Chapter Regents of State by Regent, Mrs. Street, in honor of Mrs. Kinney and Miss Kitty Cheatham, by Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard. Gift to State Board of Education of booklet by Mrs. Champion, "Our Flag," together with a set of flags illustrating references in book. Many historical papers given.

Mrs. Berry Lee Mott 1915-1916

Sadie Bentley Mott was the daughter of Courtland Wheeler and Anne Stanton Bentley, was born and educated among the hills of Litchfield County, and taught successfully many years. She came to the Regency of the Chapter to complete the term of a Regent who resigned and her term was too short for any new policies or interests to develop. She died in 1922.

Mrs. Hubert Merril Sedgwick 1916-1919

Edith Webster Todd Sedgwick became Regent during the years of wartime stress. Numberless activities of Red Cross, Liberty Loans and other forms of service were added to the regular business of the Chapter in carrying out the suggestions of the National and State Societies. The Chapter owes a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Sedgwick for her untiring, loving leadership during those trying years.

Mrs. Frank W. Hodge 1919-1921

Mrs. Flora Varnum Hodge became Regent after the war. Contributions to southern schools, to the Springfield International College, to the Indian Institute, were increased and more Americanization work was undertaken.

Miss Mary Louise Pardee 1921-1923

Miss Pardee served on the State Council in 1923 and 1924. Chairman of the Poets Guild when each Chapter contributed a favorite poem to the "Un-

bound Anthology" in honor of Mrs. George Maynard Minor, President General. Chairman of Ellis Island Committee, National Chairman of the Manual Committee, 1926. State Recording Secretary 1925, now in office.

Emeline A. Street 1923-1926

Miss Street, daughter of Mrs. F. B. Street, the seventh Regent, later became (1927) State Vice-Regent. During this period we became the largest Chapter in the State, an increase in membership of 108, making the total membership 562. \$150 contributed to Ellsworth Homestead in honor of our deceased members. A leather bound loose-leaf book containing 56 photographs and decriptions of the different series of milestones of the State was compiled by a member and her husband and presented to the Chapter which in turn presented it to Memorial Continental Hall Library. 202 milestones have been located and photographed. Seventy-six graves of Revolutionary soldiers have been located and 69 permanently marked. \$285 contributed to Connecticut Bell at Valley Forge and \$100 to Caroline Scott Harrison Memorial. A total of \$8,380 was contributed through bonds, gifts and memorial chairs for the new building, Constitution Hall, in addition to its share (\$130) towards Connecticut's Box there. \$40 given to Harding Memorial Fund, \$10 to American Legion towards permanent fund for decorating graves of American soldiers buried overseas, \$10 to Veteran's Burial Fund for perpetual care of graves of World War heroes in Two historical papers written by members and reminiscences of 150 years ago in New Haven prepared for each meeting in 1925-26 by Chapter Historian. Flag Day celebrated each year and also Fourth of July service held. One of these was arranged by Americanization Committee which presented two historical episodes, "The First Sunday in New Haven," and "The Signing of the Declaration of Independence," given by groups of foreign-born men and women. Family Bible records were collected by Chapter Committee on Historical Research. A scholarship of \$50 was given each year to Berry School and to Maryville College; \$125 was contributed to American Indian Institute during the three years; and for two years \$10 was given to the Philippine Scholarship Fund and a contribution made to the Hawaiian Student Loan Fund.

Much interest has been shown in Americanization. Parties, assistance with naturalization papers, invitations to groups of foreign-born, teaching of English In 1925 a contribution of \$105 was made by the Chapter towards the salary of the Americanization worker in the city. Each year a scholarship of \$50 has been sent to American International College and one year \$25 was donated to work of Americanization classes of New Haven evening schools. Over 18,000 copies of the Manual have been distributed and \$362 (our share of the Manual quota) has been sent to help keep this book in use. 87 boxes of materials have been sent to Ellis Island valued at \$760. Prizes offered for best essay on "Why I Came to America," and 60 pupils of grammar school sent to historical moving pictures.

Chapter won, in 1924, the second prize in magazine contest and received \$75 which was placed in Educational Fund. Files of magazine and Lineage Books completed and bound and partial files of four old historical magazines given to Yale University Library. Copies of American's Creed given away. Each School Superintendent of the city was given a copy of Mrs. Buel's pampllet "Socialist Propaganda." Splendid work of Committee on Correct Use of Flag has educated decorators and public of New Haven so that incorrect use is seldom seen, and many flag leaflets have been distributed.

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Four flags presented by Chapter. In 1925 Chapter was incorporated. The 31st State Conference was held with Chapter as hostess. Chapter co-operated with local plans for Defense Test Day and took part in procession which was reviewed by Mayor and city officials. In 1924 Chapter undertook to furnish in style of 18th century two rooms in Old Morris House at Morris Cove, one of the finest examples of that type of old colonial house.

Amos Morris Society, C. A. R., which had mostly died out was revived in fall of 1923. Marker placed on grave of Mrs. George Newcomb, first Chapter Registrar, from contributions made by Chapter members. In April, 1926, pledge of \$1,000 scholarship at Maryville College in memory of Mrs. Kinney, made by her brother, Dr. E. L. R. Thomson, to go through the Chapter. Over \$4,396

was expended for work carried on during the three years, exclusive of Chapter supplies and State and National dues.

Mrs. Merton W. Handy 1926-1929

Annie Louise Bentley Handy served efficiently for three years as Recording Secretary. During her Regency, the Chapter passed the 600 mark in membership and advanced along all lines of activity. Its Americanism work, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Frederick White, its service in bringing about the correct use of the flag among decorators in the State under the Chairmanship of Mrs. E. E. Knapp, and its historical research writings for the preservation of historic spots and of the Chapter's history for State and Chapter archives, under the Chapter Historian, Miss H. P. Marsh, have been noteworthy achievements.

Mary Clap Wooster Chapter had as members two "Real Daughters" besides Miss Gerry. They are the sisters Phebe Kimberly Castle and Lucretia Kimberly, daughters of Ezra Kimberly and Lucy Ball Beecher, his third wife. Ezra, born in 1764, was very young at the time of the Revolutionary War, his service being a substitute in the defense of New Haven at the time of Tryon's attack (1779). The daughters were born in Bethany, Phebe on November 24, 1815, Lucretia March 16, 1821, the youngest of the large family. Phebe supported herself by sewing. In 1840 she became the second wife of Dr. Andrew Castle of Woodbridge, caring for her own two sons and her eight step-children as well as performing the manifold duties that fell to the New England housewife of that period. In 1861, Dr. Castle died. A few years later his widow joined her sister in Westville. In 1897, the sisters became members of Mary Clap Wooster Chapter. Lucretia died August 10, 1900, and Mrs. Castle spent the last years of her life in Waterbury with her son, Dr. Frank E. Castle, dying September 7, 1909.

Our most distinguished member from a D. A. R. standpoint is Mrs. Sara Thomson Kinney, who was born April 21, 1842, and died December 14, 1922. She was the daughter of Dr. Charles Steele Thomson and Susan Coit Gelcher. March 7, 1867, she married Major John Coddington Kinney whose record in the Civil War was a brilliant one. He died in 1891.

Next to D. A. R. work, Mrs. Kinney will be remembered for her interest in the Connecticut Indian Association of which she was President for over thirty

years.

From the first hours of its organization, Mrs. Kinney's name appears in its history. She was one of the women who applied for the Chapter's Charter (No. 53), granted October 4, 1893. Two years later she was elected State Regent of the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution which office she held fourteen years until 1909, doing much to shape its policy during these formation years. Her wise, sane, judgment and strong, dominant personality made her a prominent figure in the yearly Congresses at Washington. In 1910, she was elected Honorary Vice-President General.

Our organization has always admired her prudent foresight in founding the

Ellsworth Memorial Association of which she was the first President.

MISS HARRIETTA P. MARSH, Historian.

MARY FLOYD TALLMADGE CHAPTER

Litchfield

Organized November 17, 1899 No. 42 Members 109

Meets second Wednesday in each month, except Organization Day, November 17th.

A few members who had joined Judea Chapter, Washington, Conn., formed the nucleus of our Chapter. A few new members came in to make our number thirty-one. The Chapter was named for Mary Floyd, wife of Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge, and daughter of General William Floyd, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Barney Buel, organizing Regent, was a faithful and untiring leader. Her Regency is characterized by great growth from small beginnings, and some notable events in Chapter history took place during this period.

Almost immediately the Chapter began working on a fund for the local library, so that in 1901 the local paid circulating library gave place to the free library and reading room.

In 1902 the Chapter held a loan exhibition of antique silver, rare miniatures, fine old glass and china and many other priceless articles. The fame of this



Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel



Mrs. George C. Woodruff

and subsequent similar exhibitions spread far. The Chapter compiled a catalogue of these exhibitions which became a valuable work of reference, and a permanent record of priceless treasures seldom available in one community.

The Memorial book contains names of the Revolutionary ancestors of those who subscribed to the Memorial Window. The book represents at least five years of work. The Memorial Window to the Revolutionary soldiers of Litchfield is truly a thing of beauty. It was unveiled in 1907 and was financially and in every way a real achievement for our small organization. In collaboration with this work was published an Honor Roll of Revolutionary soldiers.

In Mrs. Buel's Regency was begun the work of tree conservation. Brass plates were placed on the historical trees of the community, and in many instances new trees were planted. When Mrs. Buel resigned to become State Regent, she was succeeded in 1908 by Mrs. Short Adam Willis. Mrs. Willis resigned the following year to become Librarian General.

Mrs. Edward W. Seymour was Regent from 1909 to 1917. A decided increase in membership took place at this period. Another splendid Silver and Loan Exhibit was held. Scholarship funds were established which the Mary Floyd Tallmadge members have been continuing faithfully ever since.

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A 1913 summary showed that up to that time \$11,000 had been raised for the activities of the Chapter. A visiting nurse's association was formed in Litchfield at this time, to which our Chapter donated the initial gift of \$25. Flags to be used in Litchfield, in several cases complete with the staff, were donated.

The Chapter was saddened by the death, in 1917, of their beloved Regent,

and held a memorial service to her memory.

Mrs. George Catlin Woodruff, Regent from 1917 to 1920, presided over our Chapter during a period of great activity, when the excitement during and following the World War was felt by everyone. The Chapter took its full quota of Liberty Bonds and did everything possible for war relief. These women, like those all over the country, knitted tirelessly, contributed to the rehabitation of the devastated French village of Tilloloy, and supported a war orphan.

Mrs. William Scott Plumb, Regent 1920-1925, led the daughters successfully through the difficult period of re-adjustment following the great war. The Chapter's activities centered in a continuation of European Relief, Near East Relief, and had a rather strenuous financial time keeping up pledges which were not allowed to slacken. Of community interest was the gift to this Chapter from the S. A. R. of 118 markers for graves of Revolutionary soldiers, making possible the marking of all known Revolutionary graves in the cemeteries of Litchfield and Morris.

Mrs. Robert H. Marcy was our efficient Regent from 1925 to 1928. During her administration the Chapter presented to the Center School of Litchfield a bronze tablet commemorating the early voters of the town who established schools.

A separate tablet records the names of pupils who contributed to the cost of this

In 1927, Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter gave to the new auditorium in Washington, D. C., a chair in honor of its honorary Regent, Mrs. Buel. Many contributions of varying size to the Patriotic Work Fund marked Mrs. Marcy's



Mrs. Robert H. Marcy



Mary Floyd Tallmadge

It is clearly impossible for the Historian to chronicle more than the outstanding events in her Chapter's history without far exceeding her allotted space. Litchfield is a small town, so an increase in Chapter membership from a mere handful to 105 is proportionately large. We are not boastful, but only justly proud of our contributions to national and local welfare. At present the Chapter is keeping up its aboriginal research, care of Revolutionary soldiers' graves, conservation of forests, and keeps in touch with the schools of the town. The maintenance of the splendid Manual for Immigrants Mary Floyd Tallmadge contributes to with the greatest enthusiasm. The Chapter is keeping up its scholarships and contributing to many institutions for education for better citizenship.

The latest ambitious project to swell the Patriotic Work Fund is to be a very large garden party to be given in the near future at the home of the present Regent, Mrs. Charles F. Brusie.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Barney Buel (Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel) organizing Chapter Regent, 1899-1908, was State Vice-Regent 1909-1922, Vice-President General 1922-1925, National Chairman of Manual for Immigrants 1920-1926. At present Recording Secretary of the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter, and State Chairman of National Defense. Mrs. Buel was given the title of honorary Regent of this Chapter when she retired, and that of Honorary State Regent when she resigned that office. Mrs. Buel is a prominent lecturer, and the President of the Founders and Patriots of America.

Mrs. Short Adam Willis, Regent 1908-1909. Mrs. Willis was very active in D. A. R. affairs during her few years' residence in Litchfield. She retired to

become Librarian General.

Mrs. Mary Floyd Tallmadge Seymour, (Mrs. Edward W. Seymour) Regent 1909-1917. Mrs. Seymour brought to the Chapter a name of honorable lineage. By her marriage into one of Litchfield's historic families she forged another link in the chain of associations which make her gracious personality and unselfish service a dear and enduring memory to all who knew her.

Mrs. Lucy Este Woodruff, Regent 1917-1920, was born in Baltimore, Maryland. She is the wife of Major George C. Woodruff of Litchfield. Mrs. Woodruff joined the D. A. R. through Benjamin Harrison, an illustrious ancestor, who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a former early governor.

Mrs. Anna Bissell Plumb (Mrs. William S. Plumb) was Regent from 1920-1925. Mrs. Plumb has also served as Recording Secretary, Historian and Vice-Regent. She joined through the well-known Zebulon Bissell, who was private in Captain Bezaleel Beebe's company.

Mrs. Martha M. Marcy was Regent, 1925-1928, and joined the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter through her ancestor, Joshua Taylor, who served practically the entire Revolutionary War. Mrs. Marcy is the wife of Dr. Robert A. Marcy, a well known physician of this town.

Mrs. Charles F. Brusie, 1928-. Mrs. Brusie is identified with many educational and social interests of Litchfield, and should lead the Chapter far.

MARGARET SEYMOUR BECKWITH, Historian,

MARY SILLIMAN CHAPTER

Bridgeport

No. 16 Organized January 15, 1894

Members 351

Meets second Monday in each month, October to June, inclusive

In 1893, at the suggestion of Mrs. R. B. Lacy, and through the solicitation of Connecticut's State Regent, Mrs. Keim, Mrs. Harriet Burroughs Torrey undertook the task of forming a Chapter of the D. A. R. in Bridgeport; and on January 15, 1894, Mary Silliman Chapter was organized. It stands today a large organization, a monument to Mrs. Torrey and to the patriotism of the many succeeding Regents. The charter members were: Mrs. Harriet L. Burroughs Torrey, Mrs. Julia A. Tomlinson Bishop, Mrs. Catharine M. Sterling Bunuell, Mrs. Jane E. Sterling Seeley, Miss Martha Edwards Beach, Mrs. Mary F. Welles Burroughs, Mrs. Mary Shelton Stevenson, Miss Bessie Bishop Hanover, Miss Henrietta Boardman Lacy, Mrs. Lucy J. Fayerweather Beardsley, Mrs. Julia A. Hubbell Billings, Mrs. Susan Washburn Bishop, Mrs. Julia Hubbell Billings Smith, Mrs. Mary Lacey Hunter, Mrs. Sarah M. L. Smith Comstock, Mrs. Eliza Stoddard Deacon, Mrs. Hettie A. Thompson Hawley, Miss Ella Thompson Hawley, Mrs. Kittie Evlyn Goodsell Banks, Mrs. Susan H. Sterling Silliman, Miss Jeanette Booth, Miss Sarah Jane Bartram, Mrs. Mary Bartram Woodruff. The early years of the Chapter were devoted to growing in numbers and in fellowship, thereby establishing the firm foundation upon which our work is now carried on. At one time Mary Silliman held the distinction of being the largest Chapter in the State and the third in size in the United States; while in 1910 it was the largest Chapter in New England.

The Chapter had as honorary members three Real Daughters, who passed on Through our influence, a pension was obtained for one of these honored women, Mrs. Augusta Fuller. It has been a pleasant duty of the Chapter to donate a certain amount yearly toward the life maintenance of a Real Daughter. Appropriation has been made for the annual decoration of Mary Silliman's grave and for the graves of our Real Daughters; and in 1923 markers were provided for the latter. The decoration of Mary Silliman's grave was begun on Memorial Day, 1898, when the Chapter placed a wreath and ribbons thereon;

Miss Janette Booth, a charter member, has attended to this for many years.

The year 1897 marked the establishment of a "Chapter Day" or "Birthday" and Mary Silliman is said to be the first Chapter in Connecticut to institute such

a day, which has been perpetuated as an annual observance. In 1903, we had the honor of furnishing to Connecticut a first Vice-Regent, Mrs. Tracy Warren. Later, Mrs. John Sterling, a beloved and honored member, was chosen from the Chapter as Vice-President General.

Mary Silliman Chapter has contributed liberally towards memorials. One of the first gifts along that line was \$50 donated in 1899 to the Nathan Hale Memorial in New Haven. We are credited with contributions to Groton and Stonington for the annex to Monument House. The old Stratford Burying Ground was found to be sadly in need of repair, and as patriotic Daughters, we could not see it in ruins. The work of rehabilitation was accomplished at a cost of \$1,720.88, toward which the city gave \$900.00. In May, 1907, work on the Stratford Burying Ground was finished, also, at a cost of \$1,153.25, and generous help from various sources was received toward this expense. A gift was made by the Chapter to the Mary Abbott Memorial. Seven bronze tablets have been placed, marking the Old Post Road, or Kings Highway, through Stratford, the first being at the corner of Clinton and North avenues.

Mary Silliman Chapter has on several occasions honored the memory of General Lafayette. When Mrs. Kinney, an early State Regent, was chosen from Connecticut as one of the thirteen members of the Lafayette Memorial Committee,



Mrs. Joseph Torrey Mother Regent



Mrs. William E. Seeley



Mrs. John R. Woodhull



Mrs. Tracy B. Warren



Mrs. John T. Sterling



Mrs. Frederick H. Stevens



Mrs. Morris B. Beardsley



Mrs. William E. Halligan



Mrs. Kate M. Spalding

this Chapter gave helpful support toward her expenses to Paris. In 1896, money was voted from the treasury for a suitable emblem to be placed upon the grave of General Lafayette in Paris. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Beardsley kindly performed this patriotic mission. In 1913, Mrs. Henry Woodruff placed a wreath upon the grave, in the name of Mary Silliman Chapter, and in 1928, Mrs. John Woodhull

did honor to the memory of our great compatriot in like manner.

In May, 1925, our Secretary's books showed that \$4,580.00 had been credited from Connecticut for the new Constitution Hall in Washington. Mary Silliman Chapter endowed two chairs in the new auditorium, one in honor of our Mother Regent, Mrs. Torrey, who passed on August 19, 1914, and one in honor of Mrs. John Sterling. Our Chapter helped toward furnishing the President General's rooms in Memorial Continental Hall. Nine square feet of land was purchased in Washington and through the generosity of a member, eight feet more of land was added in the Regent's name. In 1925, we invested in two acres of Peoples Forest.

Mary Silliman Chapter has been active along educational lines. Through its efforts a club of Hungarian men was formed, and rooms were secured and furnished where they might meet. A traveling library was brought to the city for the purpose of educating these men in the elementary laws and rights of the American citizen. Two prizes were offered for proficiency in this course. A flag was provided for the decoration of the club rooms, and the members were asked to the Italian and Hungarian clubs of Bridgeport. The Chapter has also contributed to the Hungarian Y. M. C. A. In 1919 fountain pens were distributed to students of foreign birth who had maintained high scholarship in our schools. Some years ago prizes were offered to school children for essays on Revolutionary subjects. We established a scholarship at Berea College, Kentucky, for the use of the mountain whites and \$110 was contributed to a school in honor of our President General, Mrs. Minor. We gave a flag to the Boys' Club for their camp.

For the use of Chapter members, a reference library was collected and established. Money has been appropriated from time to time for additional books for this library and for the restoration of damaged records. We endeavor to purchase Lineage Books as they come from the press, feeling that our library is not complete without them. Shortly after the close of the War, Mary Silliman Chapter received the prize of \$50 offered to the Chapter securing the largest

number of subscriptions to the D. A. R. Magazine.

Miss Fanny Crosby, the hymn-writer, was a member of our Chapter. She composed for us a song to the air of "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," which became accepted as the State song. On Chapter Day, 1909, Mrs. Kinney, the State Regent, in behalf of the Daughters of the State, presented to Miss Crosby a silver heart filled with love and gold. On February 12, 1915, Miss Crosby left us, a loss not only to our Chapter, but to the world. We have paid honor to her memory by gifts of \$50 to the Christian Union and of \$138 to the Fanny Crosby Home.

Mary Silliman Chapter has endeavored to arouse patriotic feeling in the younger generation. Early in its history, a children's society, called the Bridgeport Society, was formed on Bunker Hill Day, to commemorate that day, and was the second of its kind in Connecticut. In 1922, Miss Caroline Garlick was appointed by the National Society to organize a C. A. R. Chapter. We have

made a gift of money to this society.

In 1909, Mary Silliman Chapter entertained the State meeting. When Mrs. McLean, retiring President General, was presented with the beautiful silver wheel, our Chapter contributed toward the gift. Many will doubtless remember the quilt which we made and sent to Washington in 1911. This represented painstaking work on the part of our members and was an article of appreciable value. Some years before this, we helped in sending Connecticut's Colonial Doll to the Washington Fair. An item hard to place but worthy of note in our Chapter history, is the abolishment through our efforts of the old high step on trolley cars.

Mary Silliman Chapter has accomplished much work of a philanthropic nature. In 1906, we gave \$25 to the San Francisco sufferers, some years later the flood victims of Dayton, Ohio, were remembered with a like sum, money was collected for the Mississippi flood sufferers, and over \$693 was given by our members for the Hoover Relief Fund. A gift of \$125 was donated to the Nurse's



Mrs. Mary K. Fones



Mrs. Joseph J. Rose



Mrs. C. Nathaniel Worthen



Mrs. Frederick A. Strong



Mrs. Frederick S. Stevens



Mrs. Geo. T. Hathaway



Mrs. Henry Parrott

Association of Bridgeport. During the World War, we began purchasing bonds and adopted a French orphan. Mary Silliman Chapter contributed to the Red Cross, and detailed mention cannot be made of the great amount of work and the numberless gifts bestowed from the beginning to the end of the war. The annual State Meeting of 1918 was held in Bridgeport. Our Chapter meeting happened to fall on the afternoon of that joyful November day upon which the Armistice was signed. Prayers of thanksgiving were offered, and with full hearts and overflowing eyes we praised God, from whom all blessings flow.

A report made March 1, 1915, in answer to a call from the State, shows that, up to that date, nearly \$10,000 had been expended by Mary Silliman Chapter for memorials and educational and philanthropic work. From that time forward until 1928, our expenditures were approximately \$6,500, making our total dis-

bursements during our thirty-four years about \$16,500.

Regents of Mary Silliman Chapter: Mrs. Joseph Torrey, 1894-1897; Mrs. Tracey B. Warren, 1897-1899; Mrs. Morris B. Beardsley, 1899-1901; Mrs. William E. Seeley, 1901-1903; Mrs. Morris B. Beardsley, 1903-1905; Mrs. John T. Sterling, 1905-1907; Mrs. William E. Halligan, 1907-1909; Mrs. John R. Woodhull, 1909-1911; Mrs. Frederick H. Stevens, 1911-1913; Mrs. Kate M. Spalding, 1913-1915; Mrs. Mary K. Fones, 1915-1917; Mrs. Frederick A. Strong, 1917-1919; Mrs. Joseph J. Rose, 1919-1921; Mrs. C. Nathaniel Worthen, 1921-1923; Mrs. Frederick S. Stevens, 1923-1925; Mrs. George T. Hathaway, 1925-1927; Mrs. Henry Parrott, 1927-1929.

1834-1897: Mrs. Joseph Torrey (Harriet Burroughs) born in Bridgeport, the daughter of George Burroughs and Katherine Bancroft, was especially trained in music and was the originator of the Bridgeport Wednesday Afternoon Musical Club. She was the Mother Regent of Mary Silliman Chapter, Daughters of

the American Revolution.

1897-1899: Mrs. Tracey B. Warren (Clara A. Mills) born in Boston, the daughter of John F. Mills was many years engaged in charitable work. She was Connecticut's first State Vice-Regent. At the State meeting in Meriden on March 28, 1905, our Chapter was again honored by re-election of Mrs. Warren to the State Vice-Regency. She was also one of the Advisory Board when Mary Silliman organized and filled office of Vice-Regent, 1899-1901.

1899-1901, 1903-1905: Mrs. Morris B. Beardsley (Lucy J. Fayerweather) born in Bridgeport, the daughter of Polly Botsford and William Fayerweather, graduated from the Professor West School in Brooklyn. She is a member of the Colonial Dames of America, the Daughters of Founders and Patriots, Society of New England Women. She filled the office of Recording Secretary from 1897-1899.

1901-1903: Mrs. William E. Seeley (Jane Elizabeth) was born in Bridgeport, the daughter of Jane Elizabeth Hawley and Sherwood Sterling. She was deeply interested in the affairs of the old South Congregational Church and the

Bridgeport Orphan Asylum. She was the first Recording Secretary.

1905-1907: Mrs. John T. Sterling (Harriet Elizabeth) was born in Stratford, the daughter of Elizabeth Baldwin and Elliott Judson Peck. In 1908 was elected Vice-President General and two years later was re-elected. Upon this occasion she was solicited to become the President General but declined the honor. She was also connected with the Associated Charities, the Children's Ward of the Bridgeport Hospital and the Young Women's Christian Association. She was also a very prominent worker in the North Congregational Church. From 1901-1903 she held the office of Recording Secretary in the Chapter and was also a State Councillor and Historian from 1903-1905.

1907-1909: Mrs. William E. Halligan, born in Sheffield, the daughter of Nancy Numm and Joseph Camp, was one of the founders of the Children's Ward in the Bridgeport Hospital. She was second Vice-Regent from 1903-1905.

1909-1911: Mrs. John R. Woodhull (Fayette Davis) born at Wading River, New York, the daughter of Vincent Davis and Mary Frances Parshley, was privately tutored. Filled the office of Registrar from 1901-1903. Was also State Councillor, member of Ellsworth Memorial Board, and had charge of war service records for the State during the World War. She is connected with the charitable society and deeply interested in all philanthropic and religious work.

Dutton Candee, Pompey, New York, and Sarah Bryant Smith, Waterville, Maine.

She attended the Yale School of Fine Arts.

1913-1915: Mrs. Clarence Spalding (Katherine Moody) was born in East Hartford, Conn., the daughter of Levi Moody and Kate Loomis. She was the wife of Dr. Clarence E. Spalding, D. D. She was engaged in journalistic work

for twenty years. She is now active in organized welfare work.

1915-1917: Mary K. Fones, born in Bridgeport, the daughter of Charles Henry Curtis and Katherine Wheeler both from Stratford, was educated at Miss Nelson's Seminary on Golden Hill. She was Secretary in Mary Silliman Chapter from 1911-1913 and has held the office of Chaplain. She is a member of Founders and Patriots and has been State President of Daughters of 1812. She is interested in the United Congregational Church of Bridgeport.

1917-1919: Mrs. Frederick A. Strong (May W. Granniss) born in Bridgeport, the daughter of Caleb Alonzo Granniss and Mary Jane Bronson, was educated in Bridgeport High School and Golden Hill Seminary. Held the office of Registrar from 1911-1913. She has been State Councillor and held office as House Committee and Constitutional Hall Committee in National Society, Washington. She is a member of Founders and Patriots of America, Daughters of 1812, as well as a member of the Children's Ward in Bridgeport Hospital.

1919-1921: Mrs. Joseph J. Rose (Mary Porter) born in Bridgeport, the daughter of Captain James H. Porter and Mary J. Baylies, was educated in Bridgeport High School and the State Normal School. She filled the office of Treasurer from 1913-1915 and Vice-Regent from 1915-1917. She is a member

of Founders and Patriots.

1921-1923: Mrs. C. Nathaniel Worthen (Emma Flint) was born in New Hampshire, the daughter of Charles H. Flint and Olive N. Snow. She is commissioner of the Bridgeport Girl Scouts Movement and chairman of New England. She was the organizer and chairman of all production work in Bridgeport during the World War.

1925-1925: Mrs. Frederick S. Stevens, born in Bristol, Conn., the daughter of Edward L. Gaylord and Mary L. Miner. She was educated in the Misses Ward private school. She was Chapter Recording Secretary from 1917-1919, Chapter Registrar from 1919-1921, State Recording Secretary, 1920-1925. She

is a member of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.

1925-1927: Mrs. George Hathaway (Clara Trulock) born in Arkansas, the daughter of Major Guernsey W. Davis and Victoria Beardsley Trulock, was educated in Hillside Seminary. She was Historian of Mary Silliman Chapter, 1913-1915.

1927-1929: Mrs. Henry Parrott (Lizzie May) born in Trumbull, Conn., the daughter of Marcus Ornal Wheeler and Susan Eloisa Beardsley, was educated in Bridgeport High School and Golden Hill Seminary. She is a member of Founders and Patriots of America, Government Club of New York. She was especially trained in art and music. She has acted as Chairman of Ushers, was first Vice-Regent of Mary Silliman.

Mrs. Charles Henry Armstrong was a member of the National Credential Committee, 1921 and 1929; Vice-Chairman in 1923; Chairman of Credentials for Connecticut D. A. R., 1919-1929; State Councillor, 1915-1916, 1925-1926.

Mrs. Doolittle was elected a State Councillor for 1927-1929.

Lorraine Lee Armstrong was Platform Page to the National President General, Mrs. George Maynard Minor, April, 1923, married name, Mrs. Walter H. Rubsamen. Mrs. Rubsamen has transcribed two books and several magazine articles in Braille for the blind. These have been accepted and put into circulation by the Congressional Library and a certificate given to her for her work. This is Red Cross work.

(MRS. W. D.) EDITH B. PECK, Historian.

MARY WOOSTER CHAPTER

Danbury

Organized March 15, 1893 No. 7

Members 132

Meets last Friday in each month, October to May, inclusive.

Mary Wooster Chapter was organized by Mrs. Ella Dellicker Wildman (Alfred N.) in April, 1893.

The names of the twenty-seven charter members are as follows: Mrs. Ella Dellicker Wildman, Miss Sara Barnum, Miss Grace Crosby Hill, Mrs. Emily



Mrs. Alfred N. Wildman Organizing Regent



Helen Meeker



Mrs. John C. Downs

Perry Ryder, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Hull, Miss Ella Virginia Hull, Mrs. Elizabeth Beach Rogers, Miss Augusta Hull, Mrs. Henrietta Hull Pearce, Mrs. Harry H. Griffing Benedict, Miss Martina Marietta Griffing, Mrs. Caroline E. Botsford Bacon, Miss Sarah Watson Bacon, Miss Sarah St. John, Mrs. Loyise Holley Tweedy, Miss Maria White Averill, Miss Harriet Evelyn Averill, Dr. Sophia Penfield, Mrs. Augusta Mecker Stebbins, Miss Fanny Belle Stebbins, Miss Julia Lacey Stebbins, Miss Helen Mecker, Miss Addie Raynor Hull, Miss Ellen A. Hoyt, Mrs. Caroline Marshall Wheelock, Miss Ella Hollister.

The following is the list of Regents: Mrs. Alfred N. Wildman, Mrs. John S. Bliss, Miss Helen Mecker, Mrs. Amanda Bliss, Mrs. James E. Walsh, Mrs. Henry H. Barroll, Mrs. Reuben B. Pearce, Mrs. Cola S. Peck, Mrs. John A. Tweedy, Mrs. N. Burton Rogers, Mrs. John C. Downs, Mrs. Gilbert Horner, Mrs. Starr C. Barnum, Mrs. S. Williard Oley, Mrs. Charles S. Peck, Mrs. Charles F. Beardsley, Mrs. John C. Downs.

The name Mary Wooster was chosen for the Chapter name in memory of the wife of the celebrated Colonial General, David Wooster, who married Mary Clap, daughter of Thomas Clap, then president of Yale College (1746).

General Wooster was wounded in the defense of Danbury when burned by

General Tryon and his British soldiers in April, 1777.

General Wooster died in the old Nehemiah Dibble mansion, where he was nursed by his wife for several days, and was buried in an old cemetery where several other Revolutionary soldiers are interred. The name of Wooster has been given to many public enterprises in the city.

In the thirty-five years of its existence, Mary Wooster Chapter has been active in every movement for the promotion of patriotism and the preservation of

sacred memorials or relics.

Much interest and activity has been given to work in the public schools, one of the first acts of the Chapter was the presentation of flags to be flown from the school house flag poles, also a picture of George Washington was presented to each school. The Chapter equipped the domestic science department with many dishes and utensils when it was first established in the public schools. The Chapter conducts an annual essay contest in the seventh and eighth grades and high school, awarding prizes and devoting a meeting to the reading of prize essays to which parents and teachers are invited. The Chapter also offers a prize in the night school of the city.

Revolutionary relics and documents numbering over six hundred are pre-

served in the Chapter meeting room in the County Court House, which is opened to the public once a month. These relics, listed and catalogued, are of every description and almost invaluable, and are being added to constantly.

The Chapter has marked historical sites, erected iron gates and fence on old Revolutionary cemetery, and a memorial tablet was placed in the foundation of

the house erected on the site of the house where General Wooster died.

The old milestone erected in 1787, has been preserved. When Danbury observed the 150th anniversary of the burning of the town, Mary Wooster Chapter took a leading part in all the activities, especially in the unveiling of a memorial tablet, and the pageant which was given. The Chapter kept open house in their meeting room, and two private houses, one an old tavern furnished throughout with Colonial furniture. Many Daughters dressed in Colonial costume, and tea was served, the Virginia Reel was danced to music furnished by two old-time fiddlers who sat in the musicians seats in the ballroom of the old tavern.

Mary Wooster has given much time to Americanization work and co-operated

with the State organization to its greatest ability.

(MRS. W. C.) GRACE Q. SMITH, Historian.

MELICENT PORTER CHAPTER

Waterbury

No. 5 Organized January 27, 1893

Members 182

Meets first Monday in October, November, January, February, April, May, and second Monday in June.

Brief History

The Chapter in Waterbury was first called the Waterbury Chapter, D. A. R. About a year after it was formed it was changed to Melicent Porter Chapter in honor of Melicent Porter, wife of Colonel Phineas Porter, who assisted in raising the first regiment which went from Waterbury, and who herself had given aid to the suffering soldiers at the terrible battle of Monmouth. It is related that she carried water to allay the thirst of the men during the intense heat of that day. She was also a real daughter, her father being Colonel Jonathan Baldwin.

Date of Organization: The Chapter was organized in January, 1893, by

Mrs. Stephen W. Kellogg, directed by Mrs. Keim, State Regent.
The Charter Members were: Mrs. Stephen W. Kellogg, Regent; Mrs. Henry C. Griggs, Vice-Regent; Mrs. Emily Goodrich Smith, Registrar and Recording Secretary; Mrs. Irving H. Chase, Treasurer; Susie Hill, Katherine Peck, Susan Spencer, Mrs. Henry W. Scovill, Mrs. L. I. Munson, Mrs. Ellen Hill Leach, Katherine Spencer, Mary E. Cook, Martha R. Driggs, Mrs. John P. Kellogg Mrs. Robert F. Griggs, Mrs. Charles Warner.

The Chapter had three Real Daughters: Rodha Thompson, Mrs. Elliott Pulford (Marion Hinman), Mrs. Rhena A. Miller. Markers have been put on

their graves by the Chapter.

Chapter Regents

Mrs. Stephen W. Kellogg (Lucia Hosmer) 1893-1898. Organizer of Chapter and a very devoted member as long as she lived. She wrote of the early history of the Chapter and served five years as its first Regent. She was given a lovingcup by the Chapter after her long term of office. She was its Honorary Regent until 1915. She raised an oak from an acorn and helped to plant it in Library Park in 1902. It was christened "Melicent Porter Charter Oak," being a child of the original Charter Oak. In 1924 her children gave to Melicent Porter Chapter a beautiful silk flag and standard in her memory. Two of her daughters are still members of Melicent Porter Chapter. Red Cross work was taken up during the Cuban and Spanish War and the Chapter had a real Red Cross nurse who volunteered for service, Miss Cherry French. Money and supplies were given by the Chapter and its friends for this work and Miss French read a very interesting paper on her work after her return. A bronze tablet was placed in Bronson Library in honor of Revolutionary soldiers buried in the library grounds.

Mrs. Henry C. Griggs, 1898-1900: Mrs. Griggs was our second Regent and

Vice-Regent under Mrs. Kellogg. It was through her efforts and her admiration of Mrs. Kellogg that the loving-cup was given and the letter that accompanied it was written on her death bed so anxious was she to know that it was accomplished. She also had published for the Chapter the book written by Miss Sarah Prichard, "Stories of the American Revolution." She started a children's Chapter known as the Stars and Stripes. Our first Historical Room was arranged by her in the Bronson Library. She died just as her term of office was ending.

Miss Susie Hill, 1900-1901. A charter member and on the first Board of Management. Miss Hill is a life-long resident of Waterbury and a life member

of the Chapter.

Mrs. Otis S. Northrop (Sarah E.) 1901-1903. Mrs. Northrop had a ready pen and her writings were an inspiration. She was active up to the time of her death in 1925. During her term the Melicent Porter Charter Oak was planted. Also the tablet for the Porter House was unveiled with elaborate ceremonies.

Mrs. John Castle (Amelia Parsons) 1903-1905. Mrs. Castle was one of those women who never grow old in her manner or feelings. She was fond of reading and especially interested in matters pertaining to the D. A. R. and had a fund of historical lore. She was made Honorary Regent later and was seldom absent from its meetings up to the time of her death in 1925.

Mrs. Daniel F. Webster, 1905-1906. Mrs. Webster was very active in the Chapter for a number of years. During her term of office a Colonial Tea and Loan Exhibit was held for two days and is still referred to as one of the big things of the Chapter. Mrs. Webster is not in the Chapter at the present time.

Mrs. Edward Shannon, 1906-1908. Mrs. Shannon was Secretary for a time.

She was well versed in parliamentary law.

Mrs. Benjamin H. Bristol, 1908-1910. During Mrs. Bristol's term the Chapter entertained at a banquet in honor of the President General, Mrs. McLean.

Mrs. Edward Shannon, 1910-1915. Mrs. Shannon served again as Regent.

During her last term work was done for the Belgian Relief.

Mrs. R. William Hampson, 1915-1917. Some interesting historical papers were prepared and read during this time on old furniture, china and other antiques owned by Waterbury people; old time Meeting Houses and old church customs in New England; Mrs. Hampson being enthusiastic over old time things.

Mrs. Charles B. Everitt, 1917-1919. It seemed very fitting that Mrs. Everitt, coming from a family of fighters as she did, should have been Regent during the World War. Her ancestry dates back to Lord Nelson. Her grandfather was in the Revolution, her father in the Civil War and a son in the U. S. Army, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel during the World War. She is eligible to Society of the Cincinnati. Knitting and Red Cross work, also money for restoration of Tilloloy. The Chapter subscribed to every Liberty Loan.

Mrs. Charles A. Templeton (Martha Castle) 1919-1922. Mrs. Templeton

Mrs. Charles A. Templeton (Martha Castle) 1919-1922. Mrs. Templeton is the daughter of an earlier and much beloved Regent and Honorary Regent, Mrs. John S. Castle. She has served her Chapter in many official capacities. Besides this the Alumni of St. Margaret's School of which she is a graduate.

Constantly at her husband's side during his term as Governor of the State, Mrs. Templeton endeared herself to all who came in contact with her by her gracious manner and thoughtfulness in little things. Much time was spent by one member in hunting up Franklin Milestones in Waterbury and vicinity and 32 were located and a number of them restored. A short play was given in 1922, written by a member, Mrs. Oscar Noble, entitled "By Clever Stratagem," a story of Revolutionary days.

Mrs. Robert W. Dennison (Anna Smith) 1922-1924. Mrs. Dennison was a life-long resident of Waterbury and a teacher in our schools before her marriage. Waterbury celebrated its 250th anniversary June, 1924, and Melicent Porter Chapter had charge of the Revolutionary period in the pageant and a float, "Spirit of 76." Mrs. Dennison is very much interested in the Ellsworth Home. She has been on its Auditing Committee and a member of its Board. Mrs. Dennison recommended the use of a Book of Remembrance for deceased members,

giving a brief history and Revolutionary ancestor and number.

Mrs. Adrian L. Mulloy (Anna Sherburn) 1924-1926. Mrs. Mulloy is proud of the Americanization work which was started during her term of office. Prizes were first offered for best attendance in night school and for best essay written by night school pupils. She was interested in our Real Daughters and markers

were put on the three graves at this time. The children of Mrs. Kellogg gave to Melicent Porter Chapter the beautiful silk flag at this time. Mrs. Mulloy is a graduate of the University of Vermont. Twenty bonds for new Constitution

Hall were sold to members. The Chapter bought one.

Mrs. James V. Reed, 1926-1928. Mrs. Reed has been a member of Melicent Porter Chapter since its beginning, although not a charter member (4,397). She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, a member of the Mayflower Society, and has been quite active in college circles. During her term of office the Preservation of Historical Spots was taken up. Melicent Porter Chapter was hostess for the State Meeting of the D. A. R. in October, 1927.

Mrs. Frederick C. Marggraff (Jennie Clark) 1928-1930. Mrs. Marggraff came to the Regent's chair with a wide experience in other organizations and she has grown up with Waterbury. Although she has held her office but a short time some important things have been accomplished. A prize of a trip to Washington, D. C. was offered to the person in the night school who would bring in the largest number of pupils in the illiterate class. Also a sewing machine was purchased by the Chapter for Ellis Island. We are working stronger along Americanization lines now than historical.

NATHAN HALE MEMORIAL CHAPTER

East Haddam

Organized June 6, 1900

No. 44

Members 80

Meets each month, except July and August.

The Nathan Hale Memorial Chapter, D. A. R., was named for Captain Nathan Hale (the Martyr Spy) who was born at Coventry, Connecticut, June 6, 1755. He entered Yale in 1769. After graduation in 1773, he taught school in East Haddam for a few months. The school house is now owned by the Connecticut Sons of the Revolution and was dedicated on the same day the Nathan Hale Memorial Chapter was formed. Ex-Governor Bulkeley, on behalf of the "Sons," tendered to the "Daughters" the use of the building and grounds. Nathan Hale was executed in New York, September 22, 1776, his dying words

were "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

Regents of the Chapter: Mrs. George William Griffith, 1900-1901; Miss Marian Ellen Gross, 1901-1904; Mrs. Oscar Percival Fowler, 1904-1906; Mrs. John Murray Hatstat, 1906-1908; Mrs. Emma Hurd Chaffee, 1908-1910; Mrs. Carlton J. Bates, 1910-1912; Mrs. Wilson C. Reynolds, 1912-1914; Mrs. Marshall Emmons, 1914-1916; Mrs. Eugene Elmer Williams, 1916-1917; Mrs. Charles Rogers, 1918-1920; Mrs. Charles Augustus Russell, 1920-1922; Mrs. Frederick C. H. Wendel, 1923-1924; Mrs. Charles B. Warner, 1924-1925; Mrs. Rollin U. Tyler, 1925-1928; Mrs. J. Laurence Raymond, 1928-. Honorary Member, Mrs. Gertrude Mimson Greene.

Mrs. George William Griffith Charter Regent, 1900-1901

Mrs. Griffith's share of interest in forming a D. A. R. Chapter in East Haddam was particularly aroused by Mrs. Richard Henry Green of New York City, whose husband was connected with the Green family, prominent in the history of the town. Her interest was further stimulated by Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, State Regent; Mrs. George F. Newcomb, Registrar, 1899; and by the interest of those who became charter members, as well as in addition to the removal of the Nathan Hale school house to a commanding sight within the proposed Nathan Hale Park; the proposal to dedicate the school house to be the headquarters of the Connecticut Sons of the Revolution; and the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the town, to be held June 6, 1900.

The joint celebration was regarded as the most opportune time and the school house certainly the most becoming place in which to organize a D. A. R. Chapter, and the school house itself as the most natural and appropriate symbol for the Chapter name since the teacher in it was none other than Nathan Hale himself. It so resulted ex-Governor Bulkeley, speaking for the Connecticut Sons of the Revolution said: "And not to be outdone alone in our patriotic work I have on behalf of the Sons tendered to the Daughters of the American Revolu-



Mrs. Oscar P. Fowler



Mrs. Carleton J. Bates



Sarah L. Parker Charter Member



Mrs. George William Griffith



Mrs. Arthur W. Chaffee



Mrs. Eugene E. Williams



Mrs. Rollin U. Tyler

tion which this day organized a Chapter in this town and vicinity, the use of this

building and these grounds."

The Chapter was organized in the school house the afternoon of June 6, 1900, with seventeen charter members. Mrs. Griffith was elected Regent. The name of the Chapter was heartily and unanimously chosen. Mrs. Griffith possessed a fine New England culture as a foundation for the task before her, and was well versed in the history of New England, especially Connecticut. She had, when a student in her teens at the Misses Edwards School in New Haven, worked out more than one line of her ancestry, and had become thoroughly acquainted with the Revolutionary history of her own native town of Bristol. So, with able assistance the necessary ancestral charts were promptly forwarded to headquarters at Washington.

Mrs. Griffith refused a re-election to the Regency in 1901 on account of ill health. In token of our esteem for her character and her efficiency, she was elected Honorary Regent for life. Upon her removal from East Haddam she was presented with the lovely D. A. R. spoon. In the Fall of 1902 the Reverend Mr. Griffith became the rector of St. Thomas's Church, Bethel, Connecticut, and that caused her removal from East Haddam. Before going, the Chapter had under consideration a suitable memorial for the historic character of Major General Joseph Spencer of the American Revolutionary Army, a prominent

citizen of the town.

Through the action of the Nathan Hale Chapter, the State Society, friends, and the State Legislature, a stately and beautiful monument was erected to his memory in the Nathan Hale Park near the Nathan Hale school house. "Mrs. Griffith of Bethel, the first Regent of Nathan Hale Chapter, unveiled the monument. As the flags fell from the monument a salute of thirteen guns was fired from the U. S. S. Elfrida anchored in the Connecticut River just below the park."

Mrs. Griffith was a member of the Melicent Porter Chapter, Waterbury, at the time of her death. She passed away in Bristol, her native town, March 17, 1924.

Miss Marian Ellen Gross Regent, 1901-1904

Marian Ellen Gross, daughter of Thomas Gross, Jr., and Ellen Sperry Gross, was born in East Haddam, August, 1863, and died July 25, 1919. She was a descendant of Captain Simon Gross. National number 32,779. Elected Regent of the Chapter May 16, 1901. Held the office three years. Also served as first

Vice-Regent.

Principal events of regency, Revolutionary marker, given by the S. A. R. placed on the grave of General Champion; sum of money (\$17.50) collected for Cove Burying Ground, and the cemetery surveyed and cleared up; number of relics collected including a framed photograph of Nathan Hale's commission as Captain, letter of the granddaughter of Betsy Ross, 91 years old, photograph of the grave of General Spencer in Millington, and a copy of "Patriot Daughters"; furnishings for the Nathan Hale school house contributed, including a rag carpet made and laid by the Chapter members, a sofa and table. Prize essay contest on historical subjects begun. One of the originators of the State pin, presented a gavel to the Chapter, which was made from wood from the Hale homestead at Coventry, Hale school house at East Haddam, Christ Church (Old North Church) Boston and the Charter Oak, Hartford; also a gavel block made from wood from the Benedict Arnold house in New Haven, where Noah Webster also lived.

Mrs. Oscar Percival Fowler Regent, 1904-1906

Helen May Thomas, daughter of Silas Peck Thomas and Emeline Augusta Cone Thomas, born May 13, 1869 in New Haven. Married Oscar Percival Fowler, July 10, 1901, and became a resident of Moodus, Connecticut. She was graduated from the New Haven High School in 1885, and the Welch Training School for Teachers in 1886. She taught school in New Haven for fourteen years.

She was admitted to the Chapter, January 8, 1902, on descent from maternal, great, great grandfather, John Watson, National number 37,973. Elected Vice-Regent May 22, 1902, to fill unexpired term of Mrs. Francis H. Parker, resigned. Held this office two years. While Vice-Regent prepared papers on Governors

of Connecticut. Presented the first prize given by the Chapter on essay, "Heroines of the Revolution." She was appointed chairman of Connecticut for the erection of a pedestal for the bust of Nathan Hale, which cost \$251. Served as second Vice-Regent, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Historian.

Mrs. John Murray Hatstat Regent, 1906-1908

Florence Gross Hatstat, daughter of Thomas Gross, Jr., and Ellen Sperry Gross, born in Hartford, August, 1858. Married John Murray Hatstat of New Haven, on June 4, 1884. She is a descendant of Captain Simon Gross, National number 32,780. She was elected Regent June 6, 1906, and served two years.

The principal events of her Regency were: Gift of \$25 for statue of Nathan Hale to be erected in St. Paul, Minnesota; care of Moodus and East Haddam parks assumed, each containing a historical monument; thirty dollars raised for Continental Hall; cemetery inscriptions in East Haddam copied; scholarship at Maryville College given (\$50); graves of twenty-seven Revolutionary soldiers located. Mrs. Hatstat also served the Chapter as first Vice-Regent, second Vice-Regent, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Arthur W. Chaffee Regent, 1908-1910

Emma Hurd was born in Clinton, Connecticut, August 31, 1855, the daughter of Andrew J. Hurd and Mary Bacon Hurd. She graduated from High School in June, 1877, and married Arthur W. Chaffee of East Haddam, June 7, 1888. She joined the D. A. R. in 1905 through John Roberts on her mother's side, her lineal descendant on her father's side of the family being Governor William Leete of Guilford, first Colonial Governor, afterwards State Governor. National number 49,351.

The outstanding work of her administration was educational. A scholarship of \$50 was sent to Maryville College; essay and oratorical contests inaugurated and a scholarship raised for Suffield Literary Institute, \$35. Represented the Chapter at Continental Congress at Washington, April 1909. The most notable function held by the Chapter was celebrating the tenth anniversary at Goodspeeds Opera House at which most of the State officers were present. Has held the following offices: Historian many years, Recording Secretary, Vice-Regent, chairman of many committees and always been a member of Board of Management, State Chairman for Patriotic Education and Americanization for five years.

Mrs. Carlton J. Bates Regent, 1910-1912

Orrilla Canfield Bates was the daughter of Joseph Canfield and Mary Ann Ventress Canfield. She was married November, 1877, to Carlton J. Bates of the firm of C. J. Bates and Son, Chester, Connecticut. She is survived by her husband and five children: Hamilton C. Bates of Chester, Conn.; Grace D., wife of Professor Walter G. Whitman of Salem, Mass.; Helen M., wife of Raymond H. Loomis, LLD, of Ravenna, Ohio; Florence C., wife of Arthur K. Burwell of New Haven, Conn.; and Maude E., wife of Dexter Phelps of Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. Bates became a member of the Chapter on her descent from John Ventress. She represented the Chapter at the Continental Congress.

Mrs. Wilson Reynolds Regent, 1912-1914

Mary Emma Hubbard became the wife of Wilson C. Reynolds, October 24, 1906. She was the daughter of Hugh Henry Owens and Jane Ann Everson Owens and was born in Utica, New York. She qualified on descent from Peter McGibbons, born in Scotland and Margaret Smith, his wife. Peter McGibbons was sergeant, 4th Albany County Regiment Militia in the Revolutionary War and died in Albany County, New York.

Mrs. Reynolds died November 23, 1921, in Middleton, Conn. Her National

number was 71,670.

The outstanding events of her Regency were the reported Chapter gifts of fifty dollars for scholarships to Maryville College, made possible by her generosity and ready sympathy.

Mrs. Marshall Emmons Regent, 1914-1916

Hattie E. Champlin was born March 16, 1857, the daughter of Charles A. Champlin and Sarah Ann Clark Champlin. She was married to Marshall Emmons on May 7, 1878. She prepared papers to help form the Chapter on her descent from Reuben Clark. She filled many of the offices of the Chapter.

Mrs. Eugene Elmer Williams Regent, 1916-1917

Juliet Harris, daughter of Nathaniel Otis Harris, M. D., and Juliet Mason Harris, born in East Haddam, received her education at the Normal School in New Britain, Conn., and Peddie Institute, New York. She married Eugene Elmer Williams, M. D., and has one son, Norman H., who is a physician in Los

Angeles, California.

The Chapter took part in a library entertainment by sending out birthday bags which netted the library \$75. A year's subscription of the D. A. R. magazine was given to the Chester and East Haddam libraries. Ten dollars was given to the Burying Ground Association and the parks in the two villages were cared for. It was during Mrs. Williams' term of office that our country was plunged into the Great War. The Chapter was instrumental in forming a Red Cross Chapter with a branch in Moodus and one in East Haddam, and it is impossible to estimate the great mass of sewing done by our members in the Red Cross room and in their homes. Over \$15,000 was contributed for patriotic work. This includes Liberty Loans. A French orphan was adopted, a large silk flag was bought and presented to the Home Guard with appropriate exercises in Moodus park. Jelly and literature were sent to Camp Devens. Twelve comfort bags and a set of wool garments were sent to the battleship Connecticut. The families of all enlisted and drafted men were apportioned to the members for home service work. One dollar per capita was contributed toward the Third Liberty Loan and we also sent our quota toward the restoration of the French village Tilloloy. Fifty garments were knitted for the Aviation School at Mineola and we gave five dollars toward the services of the Domestic Science teacher.

For all of this expenditure our Ways and Means Committee were faithful in their work, procuring funds by giving card parties, plays, etc. A children's patriotic rally was held and prizes of three and two dollars were offered and the

proceeds given to the Red Cross.

In those trying times, the Chapter was not found wanting in patriotic strength, valor, and courage, responding to all calls made by the Committee on National Defense.

Mrs. Charles Rogers Regent, 1918-1920

Phoebe Emmons, descendant of Joseph Emmons, Ephraim Miner, and Captain Ichabod Brown. Also descendant of Captain John Avery, Lieutenant Thomas Miner, Captain John Mason, Captain Benadam Gallup, Sergeant John Taylor and father, Benjamin Taylor, who served in the Lexington Alarm. Also direct descendant of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley. National number 35,729.

Two French orphans supported; to village of Tilloly, \$17.54; Margaret Henry Fund, \$5.00, Ellsworth Homestead, \$25.00; seventeen names presented.

Picnic in 1919, at which Mrs. Minor, Vice-President General and Mrs. Buel, State Regent, were present. Luncheon in 1920 celebrating the 20th anniversary at which Mrs. Minor, President General; Mrs. Buel, State Regent, and the other State officers were present.

Mrs. Charles Augustus Russell Regent, 1920-1922

Elizabeth Norton Sweet was born in Middletown, Conn., February 16, 1884. She was reared in East Haddam, Conn., and united with the First Congregational Church of that town, in 1898, entering Middletown High School in the Fall of the same year, and graduating as valedictorian of the class in 1902. She traveled in South America in 1903, and was admitted to membership in the D. A. R. Entered Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in 1904 and initiated into Delta Delta Delta national fraternity in the same year. She was awarded the Pierce prize for excellence in German, with special honors in Latin and English.

Graduated in 1908 with honors receiving degree of B. A. and admitted to Phi

Beta Kappa honorary society.

She married Charles Augustus Russell (attorney-at-law) June 4, 1909. They have four children, Adelaide Elizabeth, Robert Cone, Sylvia Willis and Phyllis Wolcott.

Work during her Regency was mainly on educational, patriotic and relief

work.

Mrs. Frederick C. H. Wendel Regent, 1923-1924

Bertha Palmer Attwood was born August 21, 1864, at East Haddam, Connecticut, the only daughter of Judge Julius Attwood and Catherine Palmer Attwood, representing families resident in that town since Colonial days. On her mother's side she is descended from Sergeant Enoch Brainerd of the Revolutionary Army. Miss Attwood graduated in 1891 from the Yale School of Fine Arts and in 1896 from the Norwich Normal School. She taught for a few years

in Norwich and Montclair, New Jersey.

The Nathan Hale school house was presented to the Sons of the Revolution by Judge Attwood, after being held by his family for 100 years. Bertha Attwood took part in the exercises of the day. While first Registrar, she wrote the sketch of Nathan Hale published in "Patron Saints" by the Connecticut D. A. R. She married Rev. Frederick C. H. Wendel, Ph.D., on April 22, 1902, and left

East Haddam for ten years. On Dr. Wendel's retirement from active parochial work and their return to East Haddam in 1912, she resumed activity and filled

the offices of Historian, Treasurer and Regent.

The special work of her term was the renewing and enlarging of Miss Mary V. Wakeman's valuable collections of Revolutionary relics and copying inscriptions from the old Burying Grounds of East Haddam and Lyme. The outstanding social event was the Chapter meeting held in the old Palmer Homestead before it was dismantled after an occupancy by one family and their descendants for over 150 years. Six Chapter members were descended in different lines from Levi Palmer, the original owner of the home. Mrs. Wendel is chairman of the Committee on Historic Spots. She is at the present time Connecticut State President of Dames of the Loyal Legion.

Mrs. Charles B. Warner Regent, 1924-1925

Winifred J. Plumstead was born in Lynn, Mass., October 7, 1869. She was educated in Lynn Public Schools and the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. She married John W. Gibbony of Lewisburg, Penn., June 4, 1892, and had two children, Marcia and Lucia Gibbony. Her second marriage was to Charles Belden Warner of East Haddam, January 1, 1903. Damaris Warner was born June 6, 1906. She was the first girl baby born after the Chapter was organized, and was called the Chapter baby. Mrs. Warner resigned due to ill health.

Mrs. Rollin U. Tyler Regent, 1925-1928

Fannie Kidder was born in Watertown, Mass., the daughter of George Ripley Kidder and Rebecca Girrell Kidder. She married Rollin U. Tyler in 1918. She joined the D. A. R. through Samuel Kidder, on her father's side, December 7, 1920. National number 159,754. Samuel Kidder was chairman of the "Committee of Safety" of Medford, Mass., and contributed largely to help finance the War.

The outstanding events of her administration were the inaugurating of monthly meetings, where previous to this only five a year had been in order, securing a dozen or more new members, with a goodly number of these young women. Sending \$40 a year to the Springfield International College at Springfield, Mass. The Chapter subscribed for \$1,100 Constitution Hall bonds.

MRS. SIDNEY ACKLEY. Historian.

NORWALK CHAPTER

Norwalk

O'rganized December 16, 1892 No. 4

Members 107

Meets third Thursday in each month, September to May, inclusive.

Norwalk Chapter, the fourth to be organized in the State, was one of the few to be named for a locality. This locality, when purchased by Roger Ludlow







Mrs. George E. Mathews



Mrs. Lillian S. Abbott

in 1640, extended "between two rivers, the one called Norwalk, the other Saukatuck, from the sea, a day's walk far up in the Country." This territory of pleasant valley and lovely shore, has been a fertile field for memberships in every patriotic organization and will be for years to come. According to Bancroft, "Norwalk sent more men to the Revolution, in proportion to its population, than any town in the thirteen Colonies."

Mrs. E. J. Hill received her commission as Chapter Regent of Norwalk from Mrs. Caroline Scott Harrison, the first President General. The Norwalk Chapter was organized in Mrs. Hill's residence, December 16, 1892, with the following

twelve Charter members:

Mrs. Ebenezer Hill, Mrs. James Gregory, Mrs. G. Willis White, Miss Julia Lockwood, Miss Dotha Stone Pinneo, Mrs. Charles T. Raymond, Mrs. Thomas K. Noble, Mrs. George B. St. John, Miss Sallie Betts, Mrs. Russell Frost, Mrs. Charles A. Quintard, Mrs. Samuel Daskam.

Miss Juliette Betts was the first Patriot's daughter in Connecticut to become a member of the D. A. R. and the fifth to become a member of the National Society. She joined the Norwalk Chapter in 1893. Seven years after, two sisters were admitted to membership as "Real Daughters," Mrs. Charlotte Keeler

Raymond and Miss Frances Keeler.

It is on record "that as soon as an organization was effected" Mrs. Hill began to plan for an historical renaissance in old Norwalk and she introduced the idea of celebrating Norwalk's 244th birthday on June 19, 1894. A committee was appointed to confer with a committee of the S. A. R. and the two organizations successfully carried out a program which included (in a two-day festival at the Armory) a citizens meeting with notable addresses and music; a gathering of 4,000 school children on the afternoon of the 19th; an exhibition of Colonial and Revolutionary relics and a Colonial Ball. The money received from the sale of tickets for the ball was devoted to the marking of three historic places in the Town with tablets, suitably inscribed.

Mrs. Hill, having served three years, was succeeded by Mrs. T. K. Noble in November, 1895. The Chapter at this date numbered 115 members. With the assistance of the local branch of the S. A. R. it located and marked 147 graves of Revolutionary soldiers who were buried in the various cemeteries of old Norwalk. Mrs. Noble was beloved and honored by the Daughters of the whole State

and later filled the office of Chaplain General most acceptably.

Mrs. Samuel Richards Weed followed Mrs. Noble, as Regent until 1902. She gave enthusiasm, time and resources to the activities of the Chapter. She brought celebrated speakers and distinguished people to the meetings. Under her Regency,

the Nathan Hale monument was erected in Armory Square. When the fountain was no longer needed, the memorial stone was removed to the grounds of the old Town Hall. The Chapter had a large share in making the 250th Anniversary of Norwalk a glorious success. It gave the guests present on that occasion a trolley ride to the historical places in town. The Regent also presented the program of the exercises.

In May, 1902, Mrs. J. B. Gerard was elected Regent. The planting of trees, especially the commemorative oak on the Green, marks this administration; also the acquisition of the Ellsworth Homestead by the Connecticut Daughters. The

Norwalk Chapter had a share in the repairs of this ancient house.

The Regency of Mrs. Jabez Bachus, extending from May, 1903 to 1905, is distinguished for the branching out of the Chapter into new lines of work. It assumed the education of a "Mountain White" girl in Maryville College, Tennessee. It was the pioneer in the State for work for the foreign citizen, starting a library and reading room for the Hungarian and Italian. The Memorial work of this period was the erection of a stone to mark, on Grumman Hill, the British Headquarters in 1779 when Tryon watched the burning of Norwalk. This stone suitably marked was presented to the town July 11, 1902, with appropriate exercises.

During the Regency of Mrs. Christian Swartz, from 1905 to 1907, much was accomplished in the reading room and library in the Springwood District, South Norwalk, for the Hungarians and Italians; lectures in their languages and in

English were enjoyed by many.

Mrs. Helena Hill Weed was elected Regent May, 1907, but, owing to absence from town, Mrs. Charles A. Quintard, Vice-Regent, filled the position of Regent most acceptably and through her efforts a Shakespearian lecture course was planned and fifty dollars raised for a scholarship in the Suffield Literary Institute for a deserving youth of Revolutionary ancestry.

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From May, 1908 to May, 1910, Mrs. G. H. Noxon was Regent. The faithful loyal work of Mrs. Noxon will long be remembered. Also the gifts of her artistic hand; the portrait of Mrs. Sara Kinney for the Ellsworth Homestead, and the

Rev. Charles M. Selleck, presented to the Norwalk High School.

Mrs. L. C. Stearns was Regent from 1910 to 1911. Her administration is marked by pleasant gatherings of the Chapter, by continuance of the educational

work and a gift toward the Bronze Doors of the Continental Hall.

From 1910 to 1912 Mrs. William W. Gillies graciously consented to fill the office of Regent. The year is marked by a continuance of the educational work and a gift to the "Guida" Fund of fifty dollars. The Chapter voted unanimously that this gift was to memorialize in the "Memory Book" in the Ellsworth Homestead the following names: Miss Juliette Betts (Real Daughter), Mrs. Charlotte Keeler Raymond (Real Daughter), Miss Frances Keeler (Real Daughter), Miss Julia Bigelow Fillow, Mrs. Frederick Belden. The Chapter owes a debt of gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Angeline Scott Donlay, for many years its Historian, for her work of historical research, for the preservation of records and for her published sketches of Chapter work and the early days of Norwalk. Also for the whole-hearted service she gave to the foreign citizen work.

The years of 1913 and 1915 under the Regency of Mrs. J. Milton Coburn are marked by many social gatherings and a continuation of educational work. Mrs. Swartz was persuaded again to be Regent from 1915 to 1917. She brought to the Chapter the same ability which marked her Regency so successfully

in the years 1905 and 1906.

Mrs. Robert Way, Regent from 1918 to 1920, was a woman well beloved in Norwalk, active in every good work. Her administration was devoted to present day patriotism. The Chapter members engaged in Red Cross work with enthusiasm and untiring service and gave freely to reconstruction work at Tilloloy.

Mrs. Morton McCausland, Regent from 1921 to 1923, will long be remembered as a Daughter who gave freely her gift of music to the Chapter meetings; also to the Americanization work. For many years in the night school she led 21 nationalities to a better understanding of what is expected of a citizen of the United States. In her administration, \$400 was raised for the Armenian Fund and a prize was given to a school girl for a patriotic essay.

The administration of Mrs. G. E. Mathews from 1923 to 1925 marks one of the most important events in the history of the Chapter, the acquisition of the

old Town Hall on Mill Hill for its meetings and a home for its treasured histor-

ical and Colonial possessions.

Mrs. George Barnum's Regency in 1926 was a year of progress in every patriotic and educational work. In this year, \$1,350 worth of bonds were sold and three chairs were bought for the new Constitution Hall. Mrs. Barnum died



Mrs. Alexander Hamilton



Mrs. J. M. Coburn

February 24, 1927, and the Vice-Regent, Mrs. Hamilton, became the leader of the Chapter until May, 1927, when she was unanimously elected Regent and again in May, 1928. Mrs. Hamilton, born in Suffield, Mass., of a family uniting Dutch and English Colonial, married Rev. Alexander Hamilton, great grandson of the first Secretary of the Treasury, May 25, 1909. She has been president of many clubs and societies, is a member of the Society of Mayflower descendants, Colonial Dames and George Washington Sulgrave Society.

The history of the Chapter with Mrs. Alexander Hamilton as Regent is most encouraging. She organized the Roger Sherman C. A. R. Society in Norwalk,

which is now under the charge of Miss Inez Crofut.

In April, 1928, the Chapter accepted a rewritten Constitution. The Chapter now numbers 107 members and their receipts for the year were over \$296. According to the report of the Regent, May, 1928, "We are a hundred per cent. Chapter, having paid all quotas, including the Connecticut College Scholarship for two years and the Caroline Scott Memorial; given to the Blue Ridge School, the International College and the Norwalk Dispensary. Our Chapter is not large but when a spirit of loyalty and harmony prevails, much can be accomplished for the objects of our Society."

JANE H. MERWIN, Historian.

ORFORD PARISH CHAPTER

Manchester

Organized May 4, 1895

No. 27

Members 27

Meets first Saturday in the month

Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim of Washington, D. C., addressed a company of ladies on January 11, 1895, concerning the formation of a society of the

Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Orford Parish Chapter, D. A. R., of Manchester, called the Continental Congress Chapter of Connecticut, was founded on May 4, 1895. Orford Parish was the name of Manchester until 1823. This accounts for the name. The officers were: Mrs. A. Willard Case, Regent; Mrs. William H. Moore, Registrar; Mrs. Charles S. Cheney, Treasurer; Miss L. Mabel Case, Secretary; Mrs. Frank Cheney and Mrs. M. S. Chapan, Board of Managers. Other charter members were: Miss Alice B. Cheney, Mrs. Charles E. House, Mrs. Charles E. Benton, Miss Mary Cheney, Mrs. E. S. Ela and Miss Ella M. Stanley.

Regents: Mrs. Marietta Stanley Case, 1895-1897; Miss Mary Cheney, 1897-1901; Mrs. Maria Freeman Talcott, 1901-1905; Miss Mary Cheney, 1905-1908; Mrs. Jennie Chapman Ela, 1908-1910; Mrs. Annie Noyes Verplanck, 1910-1913;

Miss Elizabeth B. Dean, 1913-1915; Mrs. Grace Bissell House, 1915-1918; Mrs. Annie Noyes Verplanck, 1918-1919; Mrs. Mary A. Parker Spencer, 1919-1923; Mrs. Norma Allen Plumb, 1923-1925; Miss Alice F. Dexter, 1925-1928; Mrs. Leona Andrews Foster, 1928.

Orford Parish Chapter's first Regent was Mrs. Marietta S. Case. In 1901, a volume of poems written by her was presented to each member. This was after

her death. She was greatly beloved by her associates.

In 1905 we completed our contributions towards building Memorial Continental Hall. The same year we contributed towards a fund for building the George Washington University at Washington, D. C. Three years later we helped the Sons of the American Revolution towards the purchase of the school house in New London, where Nathan Hale was teaching when he left to enter the War.

In 1910, during the term of Mrs. F. A. Verplanck, we contributed generously towards a fund for building the library at West Hartford in memory of Noah Webster and the following year we joined with all Connecticut Chapters in assuming the cost of one pair of Bronze Doors, opening from the portico at Memorial Continental Hall. The name of White Griswold of Buckland, Conn., was memorialized by this gift. The doors cost \$3,000. Also in 1912, we helped place upon the walls of Ellsworth Homestead, Windsor, Conn., a valuable portrait of Mrs. Sarah T. Kinney, the beloved State Regent for fourteen years. We also contributed towards a handsome tea service which was presented to Mrs. Kinney at a large banquet in her honor at Bristol.

In May, 1914, while Miss E. B. Dean was Regent, the granite Connecticut Stone, which was cut to replace the one which had disintegrated in the Washington Memorial Monument, was finished. It was through the initiative and patriotic effort of Orford Parish Chapter that this work was done. The block was beautifully carved with the Connecticut coat of arms and with the word "Connecticut" cut in large letters above, and "Qui Transtulit Sustinet" below the design. The stone was presented with proper ceremony at Washington by Governor Simeon Baldwin. The cost, \$195, was largely borne by Orford Parish

Chapter with help by other Connecticut Chapters.

In 1914, Manchester gave a "Homeland Day" with a large parade and entertainment on the old golf grounds. A coach over a hundred years old was secured and the Regent and Mrs. F. H. Whiton, dressed as Colonial dames, rode

within with footmen in the rear.

In 1915, while Mrs. Grace House was Regent, we purchased four feet of the one hundred feet of land in Washington, D. C., pledged by the Connecticut State Regent for the purchase of land adjoining the D. A. R. property. We contributed \$25 towards a scholarship at the Literary Institute at Suffield, Conn. Too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. Grace House, who with untiring effort and the co-operation of a valuable committee in placing a granite fountain at Manchester Center, Conn. Miss Mary Cheney was chairman of the committee.

In 1918, during a drive by the Red Cross for sheets, pillow-cases and towels for French hospitals, Orford Parish Chapter was the organization in Manchester which gave the largest number, 3,100 pieces. The patriotic spirit of these war days pervaded the Chapter and much work was accomplished. Members of our Chapter subscribed for \$29,600 worth of Liberty Loan Bonds, \$42 was spent for

yarn used for knitting garments for the soldiers.

In 1918 our Chapter helped in the restoration of the town of Tilloloy in France (a town devastated in the war). The Chapter contributed generously to the second linen shower, giving books and victrola records. We adopted four French orphans and made 60 knitted garments and 10 full knitted sets for our aviators. Also \$11,126 was subscribed for War Savings Stamps, \$24,650 for third Liberty Loan and \$25,500 for Victory Bonds. The Chapter contributed its quota towards the \$100,000 Liberty Bond to which the National Society subscribed. They gave \$154 to the French food plea.

In 1919 (December) while Mrs. Mary A. Spencer was Regent, the Chapter co-operated with the Town Americanization Committee in holding an international display in Cheney Hall. It was called "The Melting Pot of Manchester." There were nine booths representing as many different countries, containing the treasures of hand and history, different in workmanship and tradition yet similar in the devotion to beauty. Some of the heirlooms exhibited were of priceless

beauty and bewildering handiwork. Armenian, English, French, Italian, Jewish,

Lithuanian, Polish, Scotch and Swedish nations were represented.

Our Chapter contributed two \$50 bonds to Manchester Memorial Hospital. Also we gave our quota towards the three national undertakings, viz.: "The Manual for Immigrants," "The Pilgrims Memorial Fountain at Plymouth" and "The Painting of a Convoy of Transports" to be placed in the War Museum of

the French government.

We contributed towards the banquet hall in Memorial Continental Hall, to the \$5,000 Patriotic Fund in honor of Mrs. George Thatcher Guernsey, to the Near East Relief and to Manchester Memorial Hospital. On Armistice Day, November 11, 1920, when the Manchester Hospital was dedicated the Chapter took part in the parade. In 1921 the Children of the American Revolution was organized with twenty members and named Electa Woodbridge Chapter, C. A. R. The event of the year was the dedication of the Memorial Fountain to the Revolutionary heroes of Orford Parish and its presentation to the town of Manchester, July 11, 1921. An elaborate program of organ music was given at Center Church followed by addresses given by the Regent, Mrs. Mary A. Spencer; Mrs. J. L. Buel, State Regent; and an historical address by George H. Goddard of C. A. R.

In 1922 the state meeting (the twenty-ninth) was held in the Second Congregational Church. The youngest real daughter in the United States was present.

She was Mrs. Avery, 83 years old.

In October, 1923, while Mrs. Norma A. Plumb was Regent, this Chapter participated in the historical section of the Manchester Centennial Parade. The celebration lasted for two days with an attendance in town of many thousand visitors. An entertainment of educational value, namely, moving pictures of Daniel Boone was given at Nathan Hale School.

Many family traditions were collected by Miss Ella Stanley, Historian of the Chapter. The two papers, "The Principles Fought for in the American Revolution" and "The Pilgrims in Leyden," written by Miss Stanley are in the State Reciprocity Bureau. Again \$50 was given to Manchester Memorial Hos-

pital as well as some contributions to scholarships.

In June, 1925, while Miss Alice Dexter was Regent, a beautiful silk flag was presented to the Manchester High School with appropriate exercises. A chair in Memorial Constitution Hall was purchased in memory of three departed Regents,

Mrs. Marietta Case, Mrs. Grace B. House and Mrs. Maria F. Talcott.

It was deemed advisable to disband the C. A. R., the juniors being considered members at large, till they had reached the proper age for joining the Chapter. The money in their treasury was voted for books for entertaining children in Manchester Hospital.

The Chapter is helping in training a citizen for Americanization work.

A list of old houses was recorded by Miss Ella Stanley, Historian, and sent to Mrs. Laurence Mouat, State Historian. A large silk flag was donated to the

Chapter by Miss Mary Cheney. It is to be used at each meeting.

After six years of work on the part of Mrs. Mary Spencer and Miss Mary Cheney, deeds of transfer of the "Old Glass Works Ruins" were given by the Pitkin heirs to Orford Parish Chapter in April, 1928. The building was erected in 1783 and the Pitkin family was granted a patent of monopoly to manufacture glass there for 25 years. Bottles were their specialty. Business was discontinued in 1831. The ruins will be strengthened and put in as good condition as possible.

In 1928, during the term of Miss Alice Dexter, a resume of the work of the Chapter was prepared, each of the four ladies whose names follow reviewing one-quarter of the records: Mrs. Mary E. Williams, Miss Emma Hutchinson, Mrs.

Gertrude Purnell and Miss Ella Stanley.

PENELOPE TERRY ABBEY CHAPTER

Enfield

Organized February 20, 1922 No. 53

Members 89

Meets second Tuesday of each month. History of Penelope Terry Abbey

Penelope Terry Abbey, for whom the Enfield Chapter is named, was a unique personality for her day, having a profession. She was born February 5, 1729, the daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Terry, Enfield's first native physician, and his wife, Mary Helms Terry, making her a lineal descendant of Samuel Terry and Ann Lobdell, his wife, first settlers of Springfield.

Penelope was trained by her father as a midwife and nurse. She practiced obstetrics 33 years and assisted at the birth of 1,389 babies. It is also recorded that at her death, December 2, 1817, she left 45 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren, two great, great grandchildren, besides her children, 104 living descen-

ants in all.

This pioneer woman physician's husband, Captain Thomas Abbey, whom she married at the age of 19, was no less a conspicuous figure in Enfield history than she. He was born April 11, 1731, a descendant of Thomas Abbey, one of the first settlers of Enfield, and Sarah Fairfield, and died June 3, 1811. Eight children

were born to Captain Abbey and his wife.

He was a hero of the French and Indian wars and a minute man of Enfeld. But his greatest claim to distinction was the part he took in the famous drumming incident, immortalized in stirring, martial style by Benjamin F. Taylor, in the poem, "The Captain's Drum," published in the Atlantic Monthly in May, 1878. On the day after the battle of Lexington and Concord, a messenger brought the news of the conflict to Enfield. The good people of the town were assembled in the church on the green, now the Old Town Hall, for the regular Thursday lecture. Captain Abbey, said to be late in arriving, received the message, and procuring a drum, furiously beat the long roll about the church, and called the congregation out to hear the momentous tidings. The next day a company of 72 of Enfield's brave minute men marched to the relief of Boston, under Captain Nathaniel Terry, one of Penelope's cousins. Captain Abbey served with valor throughout the war. His memory is perpetuated in the beautiful white marble monument on the site of the old church and facing the scene of his exploit, now the Old Town Hall, moved to its present location over 75 years ago. A marble seat in the old cemetery marks Penelope's grave and she will be ever enshrined in the hearts of the Enfield "Daughters," who have given her loyal homage as the patron saint of their Chapter.

Mrs. Leon Richard Abbe, 1922-1926

The organizing Regent of Penelope Terry Abbey Chapter, D. A. R., in 1922, was Mrs. Jessie Brainard Abbe. She was born November 7, 1874, in Enfield, the daughter of Alvah Sherman and Mrs. Jennie Morse Brainard, and is a lineal

descendant of Daniel Brainard, a first settler of Haddam, Conn.

Mrs. Abbe's education was received in the Enfield public schools, graduating from the High School in 1894. In 1900 she was married to Leon Richard Abbe, whose ancestor was Captain Thomas Abbe. Her first membership was with Coosick Chapter of Haverhill, N. H., then she became a member at large and was transferred to Penelope Terry Abbe Chapter. She was its first Regent and held this office four years. After retiring from the Regency she was honored with election as Honorary Regent and in 1928 was elected Registrar.

As chairman of the Revolutionary Graves Committee, Mrs. Abbe has compiled a list of 200 of Enfield's men in the Revolution and is recording those in East Windsor and Somers. In many other activities of the Chapter, she has had a prominent part. She is actively identified with the Enfield Congregational Church, especially as a compiler of records and Historian, and her work as a genealogist and writer is well known. The State Library and Connecticut Historical Society

have copies of her Enfield records.

One of her plays, "The Hillstown Chapter," was produced at the birthday meeting of the Chapter on February 14, 1928, with pronounced success. Her latest literary effort is a pageant, depicting the first 100 years of Enfield history.

in 1923. Her ability in research work was recognized in her election as a member of the State D. A. R. Committee on Genealogical Research for the period of 1922 to 1924 and she also served as director in the Ellsworth Memorial Association. She has nine proved Revolutionary lines, tracing to Josiah Brainard of

Haddam for eligibility as a member of the D. A. R.

It was almost entirely through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Leon R. Abbe, the Parsons, that the Chapter was formed. The first officers were the Regent, Mrs. Leon R. Abbe; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Mark W. Bushnell; Secretary, Miss Agnes M. Brainard; Treasurer, Mrs. William P. Allen (resigned, succeeded by Mrs. Frederick E. Hunter); Registrar, Mrs. Benjamin H. Thornton; Historian, Miss Juliette E. Parsons (resigned, succeeded by Miss Martha A. Parsons); Directors, Miss M. Louise Morrison, Mrs. John K. Bissland, Mrs. Frederick E. Hunter, Mrs. Louis Burns, Mrs. William A. Abbe, Miss Catherine P. Cope. The organizing members were Mrs. Alice Phelps (Mrs. William A.) Abbe; Mrs. Jessie Brainard (Mrs. Leon R.) Abbe; Miss Lydia M. Abbe; Miss Martha J. Alden; Mrs. Clara Fiske (Mrs. Frederick H.) Allen; Mrs. Minnie A. W. (Mrs. William P.) Allen; Mrs. Emmagene (Mrs. Daniel E.) Barnes; Mrs. Nettie Lord (Mrs. John K.) Bissland; Miss Agnes M. Brainard; Mrs. Edith Archibald (Mrs. Harvey C.) Brainard; Mrs. Elizabeth Allen (Mrs. Louis) Burns; Mrs. Ida Fisher (Mrs. Guy F.) Bushnell; Mrs. Inez A. (Mrs. Mark W.) Bushnell; Miss Catherine P. Cope; Mrs. Martha (Mrs. Ernest E.) Corbin; Mrs. Julia (Mrs. Walter E.) Fiske; Mrs. Della I. Chillson (Mrs. John H.) Frew; Mrs. Sarah Ames (Mrs. John B) Garside; Mrs. Lilla Davis (Mrs. Tudor) Gowdy; Mrs. Hattie (Mrs. Wilfred W.) Hopkins; Mrs. Ella Davis (Mrs. Frederick E.) Hunter; Miss Ella M. King; Miss Emma F. Lay; Mrs. Marjorie Strong (Mrs. Matthew F.) Leggett; Mrs. Delia E. King (Mrs. William) Miller; Miss Margaret King Miller; Miss Mary Louise Morrison; Miss Juliaette A. Parsons; Miss Martha A. Parsons; Miss Mary E. Parsons; Miss Mary F. Potter; Mrs. Edith M. (Mrs. Frank F.) Simonton; Miss Marion Storrs; Mrs. Mabel Pease (Mrs. Benjamin H.) Thornton; Miss Bertha A. Wiesing; Miss Gertrude E. Wiesing; Mrs. Alice Ellsworth (Mrs. Irving D.) Woodworth.

The study of Enfield and Connecticut history was begun in July. The first Memorial Day was observed by decorating 26 graves of Revolutionary soldiers

with flags and wreaths, the Enfield Boy Scouts assisting.

A list of Revolutionary soldiers, compiled by Mrs. Leon R. Abbe, was sent to the National Society in Washington and photostat maps of the original town

plots of Enfield were made and sold for the benefit of the Chapter.

Mrs. Charles Humphrey Bissell, State Regent, paid her first visit to the Chapter at the Chapter Day or birthday meeting. The custom of collecting birthday bags was begun at this meeting and \$10 to the Ellsworth Memorial

Association and \$2 for Immigrants' Manuals were voted.

The second year, 1923, was marked by the presentation to the Chapter of a beautifully bound Book of Remembrance, the inauguration of the plan of taking five dollars from the treasury upon the death of a member as a nucleus for a memorial fund instead of purchasing flowers, the planting of 28 ivies about brick schoolhouses and a chestnut tree, a meeting by invitation from Mercy Warren Chapter of Springfield, at the American International College when a most thrilling and impressive pageant was presented by pupils, a garden party and sale in June, the contribution of \$100 to the fund for restoring the Old Town Hall on Enfield Street, the purchase of a steel cabinet for the public library, to house the Chapter's books of reference, valuable records, documents and relics.

house the Chapter's books of reference, valuable records, documents and relics. In 1924, the Chapter assisted the Enfield Visiting Nurse Association in organizing a Well-Child Conference, conducted a service in the Enfield Street Cemetery on Memorial Day, the first time that full military honors were given Enfield's Revolutionary heroes, decorated the graves of 53 of these men, located by Mrs. Leon R. Abbe, chairman of the committee on Revolutionary graves.

Mrs. Abbe spoke on historic and patriotic subjects five times that year, twice at the evening school, once each at the Enfield High School and the Junior High, and gave a talk on Penelope Terry Abbey before Ruth Wyllys Chapter. One of her addresses formed the foundation for a pageant, "Old Enfield," produced at the closing exercises of the evening school. Among those receiving Flag Codes in 1924 were schools, secret societies, organizations and individuals. A prize of five dollars was awarded for the best essay on Early Enfield history

written by pupils in the seventh and eighth grades in the public schools; \$25 was given to the evening school for purchasing needed books and \$10 to the Community Christmas tree fund. Among the contributions to State and National Society causes were \$24.80 to the Ellsworth Memorial Association, \$15.75 for Immigrant Manuals, \$25 to the American International College. The historical program begun the first year was continued. At the birthday meeting, at which Mrs. Bissell and Miss Nettleton were present, a purse of \$100 was given to Mrs. Abbe in appreciation of her unremitting efforts to form the Chapter and make it the success it has proved.

The most outstanding effort was a loan exhibit of antiques, numbering about 450 pieces, held in the Old Town Hall on November 15, 1924.

The events of 1925 were the raising of \$1,650, over-doubling the Chapter's quota of \$800 for the Constitution Hall fund, \$245 for furnishing a student's room in the new dormitory, erected by the Massachusetts Daughters, at the American International College, the quota for the Connecticut Bell in the Valley Forge Peace Tower, donating \$25 to the American International College, \$10 to the Caroline Scott Harrison Memorial fund, \$5 to the Philippine Scholarship fund, \$5 to the Hawaiian Student Loan fund, \$10 to the Community Christmas tree, the issue of post cards of 25 historic views in Enfield, sending a paper on "The Enfield Shakers" to the state reciprocity committee, co-operating with the other town patriotic societies in the observance of Memorial Day, when the 13-star flags were used for the first time on the Revolutionary graves.

The year 1926 was notable for the raising of the fund of \$357 for purchasing bronze markers for Revolutionary Soldiers' graves, 51 in Enfield and two in Somers, the compiling of a list, with their military records, of 150 of the men from Enfield in the Revolution, by Mrs. Leon R. Abbe, making a total of about 200 that she had listed, and the compiling of the "Annals of Essex County," by Mrs. Alvah S. Brainard, her mother, the Chapter's only Real Granddaughter, both of which manuscripts were sent to Continental Hall, and

the latter to the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford.

Two boxes were sent to Ellis Island, 500 Flag Codes and 300 Immigrant Manuals were distributed. \$26.25, the Chapter's quota for a box in Constitution Hall was contributed, and the other State and National obligations met.

Mrs. Abbe's Regency of four years closed with the annual meeting in May and in recognition of her splendid work for the Chapter she was made an honorary Regent.

Mrs. Mark Worth Bushnell, 1926-1928

The second Regent was Mrs. Inez Alma Bushnell. She was born in Monkton, Vt., the daughter of William and Sally Rhodes Wyman. After attending Green Mountain Seminary in Waterbury Center, Vt., she taught seven terms in the State's district schools.

Her marriage to Mark Worth Bushnell took place September 26, 1888, and in 1890 they moved to Connecticut. Three children have been born to them,

Ruth, deceased, Persis and Worth.

Mrs. Bushnell was the first Vice-Regent of the Chapter, serving two terms, four years. Other offices which she has filled were those of President of the Enfield Visiting Nurse Association in 1921 to 1923, President of the local Red Cross branch since its organization in 1917, and President of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church for four years. Her eligibility for membership in the D. A. R. was proved by her descent from Nathan Salisbury of Cranston, Rhode Island.

Historical programs were features of two meetings, one in December at the Junior High School when pupils presented a pageant, "The Signing of the Declaration of Independence." A prize of \$5 in gold was offered at this meeting to the pupil in this school writing the best essay on "The Constitution," and the Flag Lessons were begun at this time. At the first fall meeting members in Colonial costumes and an exhibit of antiques and relics were special attractions. The October meeting was held, by invitation, at the American International College. A delightful program of folk songs and dances was given. Among the disbursements of the last months of this year were \$26.73 to the State College Scholarship fund, \$5 to the Connecticut Scholarship at the American International College, \$50 to the Dr. Thomas Grant Alcorn Memorial and \$10 to the Community Christmas Tree. 1927 opened with a historical program, and this was also the feature of five subsequent meetings. The Chapter was again invited to the American International College in May, to witness a pageant. This event was a special courtesy to Miss Nettleton and Miss Street also, who were guests of Mrs. Bushnell with the members of the executive board at luncheon preceding the visit to the college. A Lincoln program was presented at the Birthday meeting and students from the American International College provided the entertainment for the March meeting.

Of significance was the vote to co-operate with the State Library by allowing George S. Godard, State Librarian, to copy the Chapter's historical papers. Important historical research work of the year has been compiling the data for the "National Guide to Historic Spots" and securing records in the burial grounds of Scantic, the latter by Mrs. Leon R. Abbe, upon which she is still working, the completion of the records of the Enfield Congregational Church,

also by Mrs. Abbe, which were given to the State Library in October.

A committee has been appointed to copy headstone inscriptions in all of the Enfield cemeteries. Pictures of Old Ironsides have been bought by members and presented to schools, a Chapter float was entered in the Fourth of July parade in Hazardville (a village in Enfield), a large flag and a smaller storm flag were presented to the Memorial Park, a prize of \$5 in gold was offered to the pupil in the Junior High School writing the best essay on "What the United States Flag Means to Me," 440 Flag Codes and 288 Immigrants Manuals, a total of about 600 since this work was begun were distributed, three barrels of clothing were sent to the Crossnore School in North Carolina, a box to Ellis Island, clothing to the Vermont flood sufferers through the Red Cross, four more grave markers were purchased, totalling 55 Revolutionary soldiers' graves in Enfleld and two in Somers that have been marked. \$25 to the American International College, \$5 for the scholarship at the Blue Ridge school and \$10 to the Community Christmas Tree.

At the annual meeting of the Ellsworth Memorial Association, the Chapter was honored by the election of its efficient past Treasurer, Mrs. Frederick E.

Hunter, as a director.

The first important action in 1928 was the erection of a two-way street sign, marking the historic corner, Bridge Lane, leading to the site of the Old Enfield Bridge, and Enfield Street.

It was quite gratifying to the Chapter to have its protest against the erection of more unsightly billboards in town influence the Zoning Commission in its

decision.

The birthday meeting on February 14th was a notable success, marked by the presence and addresses of Mrs. Miner, Mrs. Buell, Mrs. Bissell, Miss Nettleton, Miss Street and Miss Loomis and the production of a one-act play "The Hillstown Chapter," written by Mrs. Leon R. Abbe, and which was most enthusiastically received and enjoyed by the Dignitaries and all present. The event was rendered reminiscent of Washington, Lincoln and St. Valentine in the decorations of stage and serving table. At this meeting the annual contribution of \$25 to the American International College was voted, also \$10 to the Franconia Notch fund.

At the closing exercises of the night school, the Regent, Mrs. Bushnell, presented the seven pupils perfect in attendance, with the state D. A. R. award pins.

The 100 Flag Codes distributed brings the total of these given out through the Chapter's six years of existence to over 1,000. About 600 Immigrants' Manuals have been distributed in the same period. The Magazine has 13 subscribers and has been placed in the public library for the past three years.

Mrs. William Amos Bridge, 1928

Mrs. Cora Hulit Bridge is the third Regent. She served the Chapter as Vice-Regent.

Mrs. Bridge was born in New Gloucester, Me., January 20, 1869, the daughter of Granville Morse and Frances Merrill Hulit. The family lived in Ashland, Mass., for a few years and then moved to Westfield, Mass., where Mrs. Bridge was graduated from the High School in 1889. She taught two years in Westfield and was married December 30, 1891, to William Amos Bridge of Hazardville (Enfield), where she has since made her home. She has one son, Merrill Hulit Bridge.

Mrs. Bridge has been prominently identified with other organizations. In the Enfield Visiting Nurse Association she was treasurer from 1922 to 1926 and is a director at present; she is a member of the executive board of the local Red Cross branch and of societies in the Hazardville Methodist Church. Through her descent from John Morse of Gray, Me., Mrs. Bridge was eligible for membership in the D. A. R., and she has Mayflower lineage in five lines, the Bradford, Warren, Tilley, Howland and Allerton.

The Chapter year of 1928-29 opened with the observance of Memorial Day, in co-operation with the other patriotic societies of the town, the Chapter having charge of the service in the old Enfield Street Cemetery. This was led by the new Regent, Mrs. William A. Bridge. Fifty-nine Revolutionary graves were

decorated with 13-star flags and evergreen wreaths.

An outstanding event of the year was "The Pageant of Shawls," given in November in the old Town Hall. An address on "The History of the Shawl," by Mrs. Clifton Johnson of Hadley, Mass., who directed the production, the very complete exhibit of rare and beautiful old shawls, the quaint, old-time costumes worn by those in the roles, a charming shawl dance and many guests all contributed to make this a memorable event in the Chapter's history. At the January meeting, designated as American Legion Day, the Chapter was honored with the presence of Edward White of New Haven, national vice-commander of the American Legion, who gave a very fine address.

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The play, "The Hillstown Chapter," written by Mrs. Leon Richard Abbe, the Honorary Regent, and presented at last year's birthday meeting, has found favor with other Chapters, those at Amherst, Mass., West Hartford, East Hartford and Derby having applied for the right to produce it. Mrs. Abbe has extended her research work, in compiling records of Revolutionary soldiers, to East Windsor

and Somers.

Miss Bertha A. Wiesing, the Historian, is listing the old houses of the town. Photostat copies of the historical papers written by members have been received from George S. Goddard, the State Librarian. Through the efforts of the Better Films Committee, a community welfare film was shown at the local theatre. Three hundred Immigrants Manuals and 260 Flag Codes have been distributed.

National Society obligations have been met.

Locally the Chapter has offered a prize of \$5 to the pupil in the Junior High School writing the best essay on 'The Part our Town Plays in the National Government," and has donated a layette to the Enfield Visiting Nurse Association. The Chapter is sponsoring a movement for the introduction of a history of Enfield into the school work, also to have the town's 250th anniversary properly commemorated next year, and has indorsed the school nurse project.

Through the courtesy of the local newspaper full publicity is given to all the "doings" of the Chapter, the Flag lessons are printed, and other articles of

D. A. R. interest

Besides holding the office of director in the Ellsworth Memorial Association, the Vice-Regent, Mrs. Frederick E. Hunter, was selected to serve on the State Nominating Committee.

BERTHA A. WIESING, Historian.

PHOEBE HUMPHREY CHAPTER

Collinsville

Organized January 30, 1905 No. 46

Members 42

Meets second Friday in each month, October to June, inclusive.

Phoebe Humphrey Chapter was organized in January, 1905. Starting with twenty charter members, it has increased slowly, yet steadily, although we are still a small Chapter.

The beloved Mrs. Kinney was present at our first meeting and gave wise council in her own beautiful way. Mrs. D. T. Dyer was chosen as our first

Regent.

In selecting a name for our Chapter, we were most fortunate in having in our village a man of about ninety years, a grandson of Phoebe Humphrey Forbes. He delighted in telling us of his grandmother, and her courage in routing the Hessian soldier, who was marching with Burgoyne's army through a part of our

town of Canton, about two miles from Collinsville. This soldier came to her door and demanded a loaf of the bread that she was removing from the huge brick oven with the long-handled slice or shovel. He failed to secure the bread, the

weapon in her hand convinced him that safety lay in retreat.

While unable to do all we have wished, we have responded to many calls for aid in patriotic service, especially during the World War, when many kinds of service were rendered. We have contributed ably to the fund for the publication of the Manual, thus helping our many immigrants. For some years we have contributed to the Springfield, Mass., school in its noble work. We have sent boxes of material to Ellis Island for the in-coming immigrants, and responded to many calls for help elsewhere. In our own town, we have given flags to the pupils in eight grades. Prizes have been given to pupils for excellence in writing essays upon patriotic subjects. A copy of the D. A. R. magazine has been sent for several years to the public library. Perhaps the largest individual gift we have made was to the public library, a gift of one hundred and ten dollars.

Money has been raised by gifts of members, whists, sales of useful and fancy articles, rummage and food sales and other ways. A social hour follows each meeting, which includes a light lunch, each member paying ten cents. An opportunity is thus given to discuss our problems and become better acquainted

with each other.

Mrs. Hattie M. Case Dyer, was the organizing Regent of Phoebe Humphrey Chapter from January, 1905 to 1906. She was married to Daniel T. Dyer, June 13, 1876. Two of Mrs. Dyer's daughters were charter members. Mrs. Sarah Dyer Darling and Mrs. Harriet Dyer Spencer. Her Revolutionary ancestor was Sergeant Dan Case.

The second Regent of Phoebe Humphrey Chapter was Mrs. Sarah L. Rice Lougee, a charter member. She was married to Josiah B. Lougee on November 5, 1879. Her Revolutionary ancestor was David Scott, a descendant of Thomas Scott, who was one of the founders of Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Lougee was Regent

from 1907 to 1908, also from 1920 to 1921.

The third Regent of Phoebe Humphrey Chapter was Mrs. Cora Havens. She was Cora Wolcott before her marriage to Irving W. Havens on October 17, 1883. She was a charter member, retaining her membership in this Chapter until November 17, 1917, when she was transferred to Ruth Wyllys Chapter of Hartford, Conn. She was Regent from 1909 to 1910. Her Revolutionary ancestor was William Wolcott.

The fourth Regent of Phoebe Humphrey Chapter was Mrs. Jennie Fenn whose maiden name was M. Jennie Hinman. She was married first to Zerah J. Hinman, January 30, 1884, and to Willis P. Fenn on February 14, 1927. Her Revolutionary ancestor was Asher Hinman. She was Regent from December, 1910 to June, 1913.

Miss Josephine A. Barbour, admitted April 4, 1905, was the fifth Regent of Phoebe Humphrey Chapter from May, 1913 to 1915, also Regent from October, 1917 to October, 1920. During these three years much service was rendered to those in the World War, and in other patriotic work. Her Revolutionary ancestor was Captain Isaiah Thompson.

The sixth Regent of Phoebe Humphrey Chapter was a charter member, Mrs. Emma Latimer. She was Emma Monk before her marriage to Edwin J. Latimer on April 25, 1877. She was Regent from 1915 to 1917. Her Revolutionary

ancestor was Timothy Cadwell.

Miss Josephine Barbour again Regent from October, 1917 to October, 1920.

Mrs. Sarah Lougee again Regent from 1920 to 1922.

Mrs. Minnie E. Dexter, whose name before her marriage was Minnie E. Page. She was married to Hart E. Dexter on April 17, 1889. She was Regent from 1922 to 1924. Seth Vinton and David Vinton were her Revolutionary ancestors.

Mrs. Julia (Williams) Soudant was Regent from 1924 to 1926. Her ancestor was Lieutenant Colonel Graves. During her Regency thirty markers were placed on Revolutionary soldiers' graves and on Memorial Day, 1925, additional markers, flags and potted plants were placed on forty-nine graves of Revolutionary soldiers in the different cemeteries of the town. As an extra one was sent, that was placed on the grave of Phoebe Humphrey.

Mrs. Josephine (Bidwell) Rogers became a member February 10, 1921. She

was Regent from 1926 to 1928. Her Revolutionary ancestor was Sergeant Daniel

Dyer.

Mrs. Laura (Raynor) Barnes, our present Regent, was elected in June, 1928. Married Louis U. Barnes December 16, 1914. Her Revolutionary ancestor was Simeon Barber.

PUTNAM HILL CHAPTER

Greenwich

Organized December 28, 1897

No. 39

Members 134

Meets first Thursday in each month, except July and August.

The Charter members were: Mrs. H. H. Adams, Miss Mabel Adams, Mrs. J. D. Barrett, Miss Ruth Sears Baker, Miss Jessie Banks, Miss Caroline Banks,







Mrs. Helen Adams Kelley



Susan H. Mead

Miss Mary Tenney Hubbard, Mrs. William T. Hyde, Miss Nannie O. Hyde, Mrs. H. W. R. Hoyt, Mrs. Russell T. Hall, Mrs. L. P. Jones, Miss Jennie E. Kent, Mrs. Elizabeth Mayo, Miss Anna A. Marks, Miss Margaret H. Ryker, Miss Adele Louise Sayre, Miss Louise M. Mead, Miss Susan H. Mead, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Stanton, Mrs. Edwin H. Baker, Mrs. William Phillips Hall, Mrs. J. B. Lunger, Mrs. Lavinia Thorne.

The name chosen for the Chapter was very appropriately "The Putnam Hill" Chapter of Greenwich, Connecticut, in honor of General Israel Putnam and the historical spot where he took his memorable "leap into history." The story of that exploit is thus told by Miss Hubbard—"On February 26, 1779, General Putnam learned that Governor Tryon was advancing upon Greenwich with a corps of fifteen hundred men. At the approach of this body, charging at a gallop, the few Continentals withdrew from the field. General Putnam secured his own safety by plunging at a full trot down the steep precipice at the church. This rocky ledge where he descended was so rugged and high that nearly one hundred stone steps had been built for the accommodation of foot passengers on their way up to the church on the hill top. The British troopers who pursued him stopped short for the declivity was so abrupt that they dared not follow.

"General Putnam continued his route unmolested to Stamford. Having obtained reinforcements, he returned to Greenwich and pursued Governor Tryon, capturing about fifty prisoners. The retreat of the enemy was so hurried that they left behind them two wagons loaded with plunder. As the old hero rode down the hill, one ball, of the many fired at him went through his hat. But Governor Tryon, by way of compensation for spoiling his hat, sent him, soon afterwards, as a present, a complete suit of clothes."

Putnam Hill Park was saved to the public, largely through the efforts of the Chapter, and on June 16, 1899, the monument erected on the brow of Putnam Hill, to the memory of the brave general, whose name will ever be associated with that spot, was unveiled. It was a beautiful day, and many gathered to see the distinguished guests, and to listen to addresses by Comte de Lafayette of France, great grandson of the noted general, and by General O. O. Howard,

General Miles, Colonel Pope, Governor George Lounsbury, Mrs. Roebling, Mrs.

Donald McLean, Mrs. Adams-Kelley, and others.

The monument was unveiled appropriately by Mr. Putnam Brinby, a descendant of General Putnam. Mr. E. C. Converse had given us flag pole fittings, and the flag was given by H. H. Adams. Comte de Lafayette raised the flag to the breeze. The exercises at the hill were preceded by a luncheon, given by the Regent at her home to the members of the Putnam Hill Chapter, visiting D. A. R.'s and the distinguished guests.

In 1901, a movement was started to purchase the Putnam Cottage, formerly known as Knapp's Tavern of which the earliest records are dated 1729, as a home for Putnam Hill Chapter, and a historical museum. In October, 1902, through the efforts of Colonel H. H. Adams, always generous and thoughtful in his work for our organization, and the substantial help of many friends, the

house was purchased for \$7,125.00.

Funds raised through three Kermesses and an operetta, "Priscilla," were used to repair the house, and put it in good condition. It was charmingly decorated under the direction of Duncan of Philadelphia and furnished with beautiful antiques, many of them of rare historic value. The portrait of Israel Putnam painted by Darius Cobb of Boston was the gift of Colonel H. Adams on this occasion. Additions are frequently being made to this collection, and the Chapter warmly appreciates the generous co-operation of interested friends.

Plans were under way for the dedication of the Cottage when a great loss came, in the death of Colonel Adams. His devotion to our interests had been very marked, and we honor his memory as a helpful friend. He realized at this time he might not live to see his dreams carried out for the Cottage, so he earnestly urged his friends to carry on the work for him, just as he had planned. Later, on June 14, 1906, the dedication took place. Mrs. Chapin gives this account of the event: "There could not have been a more perfect day and with an efficient committee of co-operating citizens the program was carried out. At the cottage where the exercises took place, fully six thousand people assembled, including

many noted guests and people from the neighboring towns.

"A brilliant military parade started at two o'clock, the Marshal being Colonel Baker. Company L of Greenwich acted as escort. The Putnam Phalanx of Hartford, the Governor's Foot Guards of New Haven, the G. A. R., the Minute Men and other patriotic organizations, Governor Roberts and staff, Admiral Coughlan, and Lieutenant Crowmand, U. S. N., General S. L. Woodward, General J. G. Wilson and many other guests of honor were present. Luncheon was served by young ladies dressed in Priscilla costumes and the celebration was an unqualified success. The flag was hoisted by the Regent's grandson, Henry Adams Ashforth, then about four years old, who was held in the arms of his uncle, Henry H. Adams."

Putnam Cottage is now a well-known historical museum. It is open freely to the public four days each week. Visitors register from all parts of the world.

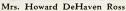
The Chapter has actively participated in all patriotic work, as occasion arose. In 1898, \$291 was expended for supplies for the soldiers in the Spanish War, and large quantities of bedding, delicacies and books were donated for the Army and Navy. As a Chapter, we co-operated from the beginning of the World War with the Red Cross. We knitted incessantly for the Navy, furnished two overseas workers, Miss Alice C. Rogers and Mrs. Lillian Hitchcock Scully. A gold star on our service flag, and a bronze tablet in our Cottage testify that Miss Rogers

made the supreme sacrifice at Neuilly, France, March 21, 1919.

After the close of the War, we received as our guests a number of disabled soldiers at Putnam Cottage for months, caring for and entertaining them while they were recuperating. We have had our share in many particitic movements. We contributed generously for the building of Continental Hall in Washington, and are now helping in the erection of Constitution Hall. Three Memorial Chairs have been given through our Chapter, and we made a generous subscription to the bonds. We shared in the erection of the statue of the Pilgrim Mother at Plymouth, the restoration of a ruined town, Tillaloy, in France, the work at Ellis Island, the Manual for Immigrants, and various forms of educational work, through schools and colleges. We have also contributed to various State needs. Locally, we have given prizes in schools and flags to the Y. M. C. A. and two churches. We have helped in "Education Week" and in local Americanization

work. We have located and marked the graves of Revolutionary soldiers. In social work, we have entertained the Civil War veterans annually on Lincoln's Birthday and have received the public at Putnam Cottage on Washington's Birthday. We have given many receptions and luncheons to distinguished guests, received the Sons of the American Revolution on their pilgrimage to Cambridge







Mrs. George Manson



Mrs. Arthur V. Pillsbury

and celebrated our Silver Anniversary by a luncheon at the Country Club, with delightful and inspiring addresses.

Our membership is increasing rapidly, now numbering 124 members. We are outgrowing our charming cottage as a meeting place. Our organizing Regent, Mrs. Adams-Kelley, was re-elected Regent successively for eleven years and then she asked to be retired. She was made Honorary Regent. Our Regents in the thirty years have been: Mrs. H. A. Adams-Kelley, 1897; Miss Jennie E. Kent, 1908; Miss Susan H. Mead, 1910; Mrs. H. H. Hitchcock, 1912; Mrs. C. T. Pierce, 1914; Mrs. C. F. Taylor, 1916; Mrs. J. F. B. Porter, 1918; Mrs. H. D. Ross, 1920; Mrs. C. T. Pierce, 1922; Mrs. A. H. Rungee, 1924; Mrs. George E. Manson, 1926; Mrs. A. V. Pillsbury, 1928.

We are greatly honored in that the charming and efficient President General of the National Society, Mrs. Alfred J. Brosseau, is a resident of Greenwich and a member of our Chapter.

Helen Redington Adams-Kelley, founder and first Regent of the Putnam Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 3, 1848. Her father, Joseph A. Redington, born in Saratoga, N. Y., and her mother, nee Chloe Lewis of Hornellsville, N. Y., moved to Cleveland about 1842 soon after their marriage. Here she was brought up and married on March 26, 1867, Henry Herschel Adams, also of Cleveland, who had served three years in the Union army during the Civil War. Colonel and Mrs. Adams resided in Cleveland for fifteen years during which time four children were born to them, in 1884 they moved east, and in 1888 to Greenwich, Conn.

It was through Mrs. Adams' efforts that the Putnam Hill Chapter was organized, and on December 28, 1897, the date of its founding, she was chosen as Regent in which capacity she served for eleven years. In 1901 the historic Israel Putnam cottage was purchased as a permanent home for the Chapter, and on June 14, 1906, it was formally dedicated only a few weeks after the death of Colonel Adams who had been largely responsible for raising the necessary funds. On her resignation Mrs. Adams was unanimously elected Honorary Regent.

She had been a widow for nine years when she married Mr. Frank Mumford Kelley who died three years later in 1918. Mrs. Adams-Kelley has lived in Greenwich for forty years where also reside her three children, Mrs. John D. Barrett, Colonel Henry H. Adams, and Mrs. Albert B. Ashforth. She has ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. It is interesting to note that her own grandfather, Captain John Redington, served in the Revolutionary war and was taken prisoner at Putnam's Hill, Greenwich, on February 26, 1779; that her husband was a veteran of the Civil War; and that her son fought in both the Spanish-American and the World wars. She, her two daughters, Miss Susan

Mead and Miss Mary T. Hubbard, are the five surviving charter members of the

Putnam Hill Chapter.

Susan H. Mead, third Regent and charter member of Putnam Hill Chapter, was born in Greenwich, Conn., September 28, 1861, the daughter of Seaman and Sarah E. Mead.

She is descended from William Mead, who came to New England in 1635,

and in 1660 bought land in Greenwich.

The Meads became large land owners and prominent citizens. Miss Mead joined the D. A. R. through Dr. Amos Mead, Richard Mead, Joshua Mead, Isaac Howe and James Lyon, no ancestor having come to this country since 1700. Governor Winthrop of Massachusetts was one of her ancestors. She has held many offices in the Chapter, is President of the Grenfell Group, and has for many years been active in church and Sunday school work. She has been

associated with many local activities, especially for young people.

Elizabeth Benetta Hitchcock was born in Greenwich, Conn., where her ancestors, the old Ferris family, were early settlers. Part of her lifetime was spent in New York City, her late years in Greenwich, where she was a member and a Regent of Putnam Hill Chapter, D. A. R. and at one time its treasurer. She was president of the Stillson Benevolent Society of the Second Congregational Church. She was a descendant of David Clark, a private in New Jersey Militia during the Revolution, and of Samuel Ferris, a sergeant in the same war. She

died July 19, 1921.

I, Eleanor Anne Todd, was born in Wilmington, Delaware, the only surviving child of Harriet Johnson and George Weldin Todd. A forebear of my father (Jacob Weldin) in 1722 purchased land from Thomas Hollingsworth who received this by deed from William Penn. The estate was surveyed by Thomas Pierson who assisted Penn in laying out the city of Philadelphia, Pa. On my maternal side I am descended from Thomas Johnson who enlisted February 12, 1776, in Captain Abraham Smith's Company of Colonel William Irvine's Sixth Battalion, Pennsylvania Line and was killed in the Battle of White Plains, New York, October 28, 1776.

I was graduated from Friends' School, Wilmington, Delaware, 1893, and also from Groucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, 1897. October 26, 1898, I married Howard DeHaven Ross, a graduate of Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He was twice President of the Delaware Society S. A. R. of which he is a life member and also twice Vice-President General of the National Society S. A. R. and also a member of the Empire State Society S. A. R. and the Connecticut Society S. A. R. and also served as Treasurer of the City of Wilmington

for two terms.

On November 6, 1901, I was accepted (No. 37,203) by the National Board of the Daughters of the American Revolution and joined the Caesar Rodney Chapter of Wilmington, Delaware, of which I was Treasurer for four years. After moving to Greenwich, Conn., I was transferred in February, 1920, to the Putnam Hill Chapter and was its Regent, 1920-1922. The first summer in my tenure of office the Chapter entertained forty soldiers who had been victims of the World War, and the following year the Putnam Cottage was repapered and painted inside and out.

Children: Howard DeHaven Ross, Jr., was born Christmas, 1899, and is a Life Member of the Delaware Society S. A. R. and while attending Harvard College was a member of the Massachusetts Society. In 1923 he married Jessie Southwick, daughter of Jessie Eldridge and President Henry L. Southwick of Emerson College of Boston. Harriet Marie Ross was graduated from Greenwich High School, 1922 and from Goucher College, Baltimore, 1926 and the following year took a post-graduate course at Katherine Gibbs School, New York City. Robert Emmet Ross, 3rd, was graduated from Greenwich High School, 1926, and is now a Junior at Harvard College. He is also a member of the Massachusetts Society S. A. R.

Mrs. Adeline Husted Rungee, daughter of Abbie Lockwood Smith and Mills Hobby Husted. Born March 7, 1886, Port Chester, N. Y. Married, Greenwich, Conn., September 7, 1908 to William C. Rungee, Attorney. 1912, twin daughters were born, Marion Carol, Gladys Muriel. On paternal side a descendant of Mills Hobby, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, whose father, John Hobby, with 27 others, settled in Greenwich in 1650. On maternal side a descendant of Captain Matthew Mead of the 13th Co., 9th Regiment, Connecticut Militia. Regent of Putnam Hill Chapter D. A. R., June 5, 1924 to June, 1926. Vice-Regent, 1922-1924; Recording Secretary, 1910-1912; Recording Secretary, 1918-1920; Acting Regent, 1920. General Chairman, June, 1921 to October, 1921 of Soldiers Summer Home at Putnam Cottage, D. A. R., whose thought it was to care for and entertain World War Veterans who had been gassed and wounded. Four months over a hundred veterans were entertained at this historic house. Over \$1,000 was raised at a musical for this purpose.

Mrs. George Manson, born in Greenwich, Conn., and in direct line from my Revolutionary ancestor, all of Greenwich. Regent, 1926-1928; Vice-Regent, 1924-1926. Former Chaplain and Chapter Chairman of the bond issue for Constitution Hall. Director of Ellsworth Memorial Association, 1927-1930. Member of Christ Episcopal Church, Greenwich. Former Vice-President (two terms) and now Chaplain (two terms) and Chairman (two terms) of the Advisory Board of the Rectors Aid Society of St. John Chapel, Greenwich. Graduate Cooper Union New York School of Fine Arts. Recipient of engraved testimonial from United States Government, Department of Navy, in appreciation and gratitude for sending binoculars for use on the seas, during the World War.

Mrs. Arthur V. Pillsbury was born in New York State and her ancestors have been identified with the early settlement of our Country. Since she became a member of Putnam Hill Chapter she has served twice as Chairman of Board of Management, as member of Finance Committee and on several other important committees. Also served as Auditor, as Corresponding Secretary and as Vice-Regent before becoming Regent in 1928. During the World War she engaged actively in hospital work in connection with the Red Cross. She is a member of

the Presbyterian Church and Y. W. C. A.

ROGER SHERMAN CHAPTER

Milford

Organized May 8, 1893

No. 9

Members 66

Meets second Tuesday in each month, from October to May, inclusive.

The ninth Chapter of the National Society, D. A. R., in Connecticut, was organized May 8, 1893, at the home of Mrs. Henry S. Mygatt. Mrs. Keim was the organizing State Regent. The Chapter was named Roger Sherman Chapter, in honor of Roger Sherman, one of the framers of the Constitution of the United States, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and for nearly twenty years a citizen of New Milford.

List of charter members: Mrs. William D. Black, Mrs. Harriet C. Boardman, Miss Helen M. Boardman, Miss Kate T. Boardman, Miss Ruth T. Booth, Mrs. J. Leroy Buck, Mrs. Henry S. Mygatt, Miss Ella Noble, Miss Emma Noble, Mrs.

Frank Platt, Miss Caroline Sanford, Mrs. Emily B. Sanford.

Biographies of Regents

Mrs. Nancy Faxon Mygatt (Mrs. Henry S. Mygatt) was born in Stonington, Conn., the daughter of Elisha Faxon, Jr., and Maria Smitta Woodbridge Faxon. Mrs. Mygatt organized Roger Sherman Chapter, D. A. R., May 8, 1893, and is a charter member. Her national number is 3,029. She has served as Regent, 1893-1895; Registrar, 1895-1897; Regent, 1897-1898; Registrar, 1898-1901; Regent, 1901-1903; Registrar, 1905-1909; Regent, 1915-1919; Registrar, 1921-1923; Chaplain, 1923-1924; Registrar, 1924-1929. Mrs. Mygatt is a member of The Mayflower Society, Chairman of New Milford Chapter, American Red Cross, and has served as State Councillor, Connecticut D. A. R., also as State Auditor.

Miss Helen M. Boardman was born in New Milford, Conn., the daughter of Frederic Boardman and Harriet Canfield Boardman. Miss Boardman was a charter member of Roger Sherman Chapter, D. A. R. Her national number is 3197. She was the first chairman of New Milford Chapter, American Red Cross. She served the Roger Sherman Chapter, D. A. R., as Vice-Regent, 1893-1895; Regent,

1895-1897; Vice-Regent, 1901-1903, 1909-1913.

Mrs. Ina J. Buckingham Beach (Mrs. Charles M. Beach) was born in the town of New Milford, Conn., the daughter of Ralph and Elvira Wheaton Buckingham. Her national number is 3,879. She served the Roger Sherman Chapter, D. A. R.,

as Vice-Regent, 1895-1897; Regent, 1898-1901, Registrar, 1901-1903; Vice-Regent, 1903-1904; Regent, 1904-1909; Secretary, 1913-1915; Vice-Regent, 1915-1919;

Regent, 1919-1925; also served as State Councillor.

Miss Kate Taylor Boardman was born in New Milford, Conn., the daughter of Frederic Boardman and Harriet Canfield Boardman. She was a charter member of Roger Sherman Chapter. Her national number is 3,196. Miss Boardman served the Chapter as Historian, 1900-1903; Regent, 1903-1904, Historian, 1915-1919.

Mrs. Mary P. Randall Kilborn (Mrs. Howard Kilborn) was born in New Milford, Conn., the daughter of Garry Gray Potter and Laura E. Kilborn Potter. Her national number is 24,533. She served the Chapter as Auditor, 1901-1902; Treasurer, 1902-1903; Secretary, 1903-1904; Regent, 1909-1910.

Mrs. Harriet Taylor Lee (Mrs Timothy J. Lee) was born in New Milford, Conn., the daughter of Charles Taylor, M. D., and Olivia Taylor. Her national number is 73,234. She served the Chapter as Regent, 1910-1913; Registrar, 1917-1921; Auditor, 1922-1927; Vice-Regent, 1927-1929.

Mrs. Isabella Gaylord Williams (Mrs. Frederick M. Williams) was born in Gaylordsville, Litchfield County, Conn., the daughter of George Harvey Gaylord and Janet Aitken Gaylord. Her national number is 4,714. She served the Roger Sherman Chapter as Secretary, 1898-1900; Auditor, 1902-1903; Regent, 1913-1915.

Mrs. Bertha Peck Dean (Mrs. George S. Dean) was born in Brookfield Centre, Fairfield County, Conn., the daughter of Clark S. Peck and Emma J. Simmons Peck. Her national number is 163,135. She served as Secretary of Roger Sherman Chapter, 1923-1925; Regent, 1925-1927; also as State Councilor.

Mrs. Mildred Mills was born in New Milford, Conn., the daughter of James Rosell Johnson and Mary Walker Johnson. Her national number is 161,033. She has served Roger Sherman Chapter, D. A. R., as Regent, 1927-1929.

Regent, Mrs. Nancy Faxon Mygatt (Mrs. Henry S. Mygatt)

May 8, 1893-1895 (two terms): Mrs. Harriet Canfield Boardman attended a meeting of the N. S. D. A. R. in Washington, D. C., and became so interested that she arranged to have Mrs. Randolph D. Keim, who was Connecticut's first State Regent, come to New Milford to organize a Chapter. Mrs. Keim met a number of ladies at the home of Mrs. Mygatt to consider the matter on May 8, She gave an interesting talk about the organization, after which the charter members were enrolled, and Mrs. Mygatt chosen the organizing Regent. On May 15, 1893, another meeting was called when several others joined the Chapter, and officers were elected for the year. During the following winter, there were many pleasant meetings, and new members came into the Chapter. A meeting of special interest was held on February 22, 1894, in memory of George Washington. A paper was read which was written by Judge Boardman of New Milford, in his ninety-first year, on "Personal Reminiscences of Washington." On April 19, 1894, the first social function was held, celebrating the birthday of our patron saint, Roger Sherman, as well as the Battle of Lexington. In October, 1894, a move was started to raise funds to place a memorial tablet on the Town Hall in memory of Roger Sherman. Much work was done to promote patriotism; papers were prepared and read on various Revolutionary anniversaries. The Chapter contributed to the Mary Washington Monument.

June 14, 1897-October 17, 1898: A bronze tablet, in memory of Roger Sherman was unveiled on October 26, 1897. The State Regent, Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, was presiding officer. Two prominent Senators, Hawley of Connecticut and Hoar of Massachusetts were the principal speakers; Senator Hoar being grandson of Roger Sherman. Contributions were made to the National University Fund, Putnam Wolf Den Association and to the Spanish War. The liberal contribution from the town of New Milford to the Spanish War Fund was largely

due to the efforts and enthusiasm of the Roger Sherman Chapter.

May 8, 1901-1903 (two terms): The Chapter was asked to help restore the Oliver Ellsworth home, Windsor, Conn. Much work was done to restore the graves of Revolutionary soldiers in New Milford. A facsimile of the Declaration of Independence was given to the Chapter. Contributions were made to the Continental Hall Fund and to the State Utility Fund.

May 10, 1915-1919 (two terms): No social meetings were held during the

War, and many of the meetings were combined with those of the Red Cross. The Chapter raised its quota toward the \$100,000 bonds bought of the N. S. D. A. R. Numerous sales and entertainments were given for war relief. For additional work during these years, see "World War Work."

World War Work

In the winter of 1916, the blood of our ancestors began stirring in our veins for Europe was in a great war. Work was begun for the Surgical Dressings Committee, making articles to be sent to the hospitals in France. Mrs. Story, President General of the D. A. R., issued a call to the Daughters to co-operate with the Red Cross in its great work. Roger Sherman Chapter has a splendid record, some members devoting night and day to the work. Hundreds of garments were shipped to the Atlantic Division, and all drafted men, going to the Camps, were fitted out with food and cheer.

Seven young men who went from here were sons of D. A. R. members and one a husband of a member. Marian Beach was in the Army School of Nursing at Camp Dix for four months. Mrs. Florence Cassedy devoted herself to clerical work in Washington for the Government. Several members took cooking and canning courses at Storrs Agricultural College, and many did various kinds of

emergency work.

Members of the Chapter contributed \$1,661 to the Red Cross, \$20 to Tilloloy Reconstruction Fund, \$40.77 to Belgian relief, \$25 to Serbia, \$24 to Armenia, \$32 to National D. A. R. Liberty Loan Fund, \$36.68 for Home Guard Flag, \$6.50 for First Aid Charts, \$380.85 to United War Work Campaign, \$20,900 invested in Liberty Bonds, and \$15,000 worth of bonds were sold by members of the Chapter. 388 glasses of jelly and jam were given to the Army, four enlisted men entertained in private houses, two hundred men entertained other places, and three hundred box lunches donated. Many knitted garments were given to the Navy and Red Cross, 16 Christmas boxes were sent overseas, and two French orphans adopted, one by the Chapter, and one by Mrs. C. M. Beach.

Regent, Miss Helen Boardman

May 8, 1895-June 14, 1897: The charter was obtained during the first year of Miss Boardman's Regency; also, permission from the Town of New Milford to place a bronze tablet, with suitable inscription, on the Town Hall, as a memorial to Roger Sherman. The Town Hall stands on the site of former property of Roger Sherman. The Chapter received various invitations to visit other nearby Chapters, which were accepted. A contribution was made to the Mary Washington Memorial Association to assist towards the fund to make Mrs. Kinney a life member of the association. The Chapter subscribed to "The American Monthly Magazine," a patriotic publication. The chief work was to complete the Roger Sherman Memorial Fund, which was mostly by contribution. The Chapter lost its first charter member in the death of Mrs. Harriet Canfield Boardman in January, 1895. She was the mother of the Misses Boardman.

Regent, Mrs. Ina J. Buckingham Beach (Mrs. Charles M. Beach)

November 9, 1898-May 8, 1901 (three terms): The years 1898 and 1899 covered a period of relative inactivity in the work of the Chapter. The members took a course of lectures on Parliamentary Law. Mrs. Kinney, State Regent, and the officers of the Litchfield and Washington Chapters were present at the meeting in April, 1900. Miss Charlotte Bennett was made a life member of the Roger Sherman Chapter. It was voted to raise money toward a fund for a monument to our Foremothers, in Hartford. A contribution was made to the State Utility Fund.

May 17, 1904-May 8, 1909 (Two and one-half terms): Parties and sales were given to raise money for a fund, started in New Milford for its Bicentennial Celebration. Money was also given by the Chapter for the purpose of hiring a band to play during the celebration. The banner, carried at the head of the parade, was donated by the Chapter. The sum of \$1,000 was raised to place an elderly member of the Chapter, Mrs. Carr, in an Old Ladies' Home. Much work was accomplished in making list of soldiers who were in the Revolutionary War. Lists were also made of soldiers from New Milford who served in the French and Indian War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, and the Spanish

War. The Chapter contributed to the Utility Fund, to the Russian Famine Relief Fund, to the Connecticut Column, and to a gift for Mrs. Sara T. Kinney.

May 9, 1921-May 8, 1925: The meetings of the Roger Sherman Chapter had been held at the homes of members since its organization, but the Historical Society gave notice in January, 1922, that meetings in the future could be held at the Boardman Memorial House, the home of two of our early Regents which was left to the town for an Historical House. The first meeting of the Chapter held there was on February 14, 1922. In 1922, a luncheon was given for Presi-dent General Mrs. Minor. Former and present State Regents attended it. Delegates from nearby Chapters joined the New Milford ladies at the meeting in the Congregational Church, after the luncheon, to listen to an address by Mrs. Minor. A Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution was formed in 1923. In 1924, a special meeting was held at which Mrs. Richards, of Maine, an officer of the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association, spoke. This association has charge of Washington's home. Several members attended the 25th anniversary of the Litchfield Chapter in November, 1924. Mrs. Minor was present, and told of her trip to Egypt and the Holy Land. Pamphlets were bought containing instructions in the correct use of the flag. The contributions, during this Regency have been as follows: Jonathan Trumbull Scholarship Fund; Utility Fund; Ellsworth Endowment Fund; President General's Suite at Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Minor's Campaign Fund; chimes in bell at Valley Forge; one acre of land in People's Forest Conn.; American International College; Indian School, Wichita, Kansas; Plymouth Memorial Fund; Liberty Bond of \$100 to Tamassee School Foundation, as memorial to Miss Kate Boardman; Kenmore Association; Philippine Scholarship; \$50 to Memorial Church in Paris in memory of Andrew Mygatt, son of the Chapter's first Regent; room furnished in new hospital in New Milford; assessment to help furnish Connecticut Board Room at Continental Hall; as well as various other donations. Mrs. Beach's daughter, Mrs. Marian Beach Barlow, served as page at the Continental Congress during this Regency.

Regent, Miss Kate Taylor Boardman

May 8, 1903-May 17, 1904: During the Regency of Miss Boardman, the Chapter co-operated with Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter in compiling a list of Revolutionary soldiers of Litchfield County. The Chapter was assigned the towns of Canaan, Kent, Warren and New Milford. As a contribution to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association, a facsimile of the Declaration of Independence was purchased from them, suitably framed and presented to Centre School. The Chapter was the recipient of two gifts, a warming pan and an old-fashioned teapot. Mrs. Kinney's re-election as State Regent was supported by Roger Sherman Chapter and a contribution made to the fund being raised to present Mrs. Kinney with a token, commemorating her tenth election to said office. A collection was taken among Chapter members for a contribution to Memorial Continental Hall. Sixty dollars was the result. A blue and white rag rug, a framed picture of Roger Sherman, a deed with his signature, and ten dollars in money to furnish a Litchfield County room in the Ellsworth House in Windsor. The rag rug was made by the Chapter members. These sewing meetings were the occasions of many pleasant afternoons.

Regent, Mrs. Mary P. Randall (Mrs. H. Leroy Randall)

May 8, 1909-May 6, 1910: Educational work among the immigrants, especially the Italians, was brought to the Chapter's notice, and the value of the John Carr Manual stressed. The following anniversaries were appropriately observed: Forefather's Day (with much mention of our Foremothers), Washington's Birthday and Washington's Wedding Day. The last mentioned date was the occasion of a most enjoyable social function at The Wayside Inn, New Milford. Mrs. John Buel was the guest of honor. The work of placing markers on the graves of Revolutionary soldiers in local cemeteries was carried on, but not completed this year. Mrs. Randall resigned as Regent after one year.

Regent, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Lee (Mrs. Timothy J. Lee)

May 6, 1910-May 7, 1913: Again the value of the "Guida" for Italians was impressed upon the Chapter. Several copies were purchased and distributed among the Italians in the vicinity of New Milford. The markers for graves of

Revolutionary soldiers of New Milford were received and nearly all of them placed during Mrs. Lee's term. On Decoration Day, flags were placed on the same graves. The Chapter contributed to the fund for the Connecticut Memorial Stone in Washington Monument, and voted to raise the necessary quota towards liquidating the debt on Memorial Continental Hall. With the exception of one meeting, a Washington's Birthday celebration, all of the meetings of Roger Sherman Chapter, during Mrs. Lee's term as Regent, were held at her home.

Regent, Mrs. Isabelle Gaylord Williams (Mrs. Frederick M. Williams)

May 7, 1913-May 10, 1915: The twenty-first birthday of the Chapter occurred May 8, 1914. The event was most happily celebrated at the Wayside Inn by a dinner. About fifty members and guests were present, including the State Regent, Mrs. Buel, State Vice-Regent, Mrs. Bissell, officers of Judea Chapter, and other distinguished guests. The Regent, Mrs. F. M. Williams, presided. Addresses were made by Mrs. Buel and Mrs. Bissell. Miss Helen Boardman had carefully prepared a history of the Chapter which was read by Mrs. H. S. Mygatt. There was an enjoyable musical program rendered. Other anniversaries were observed with appropriate programs, "Boston Tea Party," Washington's Birthday, Roger Sherman's Birthday and Battle of Lexington. The Chapter contributed towards the completion of the bronze doors for Memorial Continental Hall and the beautifying of the grounds, also towards liquidating the debt on the Hall. Material was purchased for garments for inmates of Gaylord Farm at Wallingford, Conn. A Committee prepared the work and the members assisted in the making. A contribution was made to the Red Cross Society. The Chapter contributed to the Belgian Relief Work as follows: Box and barrel of clothing, blankets, valued at \$40, knitted articles, \$4.00, and a sum of money, \$10.87; total, \$54.87. The members of the Chapter were assisted in the work by members of the Monday Club, King's Daughters, and Sewing Society of the Congregational Church.

Regent, Mrs. Bertha Peck Dean (Mrs. George S. Dean)

May 8, 1925-May 8, 1927: The outstanding features of this regency were the sale of bonds for Constitution Hall, the purchase of a chair in the Hall in honor of the Organizing Regent, Mrs. H. S. Mygatt, and the State Scholarship Fund at Connecticut College started by the Connecticut D. A. R. The sale of bonds in the Chapter amounted to \$2,550. No sales were made outside. The Chapter purchased a \$50 bond. Three members gave \$25 each towards the chair in Constitution Hall. The following quotas were met: Ellsworth Memorial Association, Manual, Library at Continental Hall, Connecticut Scholarship at International College, Springfield, Mass. A \$50 Scholarship was given by the Chapter to the International College at Springfield; a contribution was made to the Philippine Scholarship Fund; boxes were sent each year to Ellis Island; and at Christmas time, boxes were sent to disabled soldiers in hospitals, the soldier to be a New Milford boy. Wreaths were put on the Lincoln Monument and on the World War Memorial at Christmas time. A contribution was made towards the gift to Jane Hall, a blind girl who was a student in Connecticut College. Miss Hall is a native of New Milford. The 35th birthday of the N. S. D. A. R. was appropriately observed. On "Sulgrave Manor Day," the Washington and Litchfield Chapters were invited to be present and listen to an address by Mrs. Buel. Her subject was "Sulgrave Manor." Mrs. Bissell and Miss Nettleton were present at a Christmas Tree Party. The Christmas tree was a surprise for the Regent and was supplied and decorated by one of the hostess members. Hon. C. N. Hall of the State Board of Education addressed the Chapter. His topic was "The Patron Saint of Connecticut-Nathan Hale." On Monday, June 28, 1926, the bells in the various churches, the schools and public buildings were rung in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Signing of the Declara-tion of Independence. At the invitation of Ezra Woods Post, American Legion, the Chapter participated in a parade July 4, 1926. The float decorated by the Chapter, representing a colonial scene, was awarded the prize cup.

Regent, Mrs. Mildred Mills

May 8, 1927: The Chapter held a memorial meeting, in October, 1927, in honor of Mrs. Caroline Scott Harrison, the first President General. Work was done at the request of the Preservation of Historic Spots Society. Two prizes

of \$10 each were given to the New Milford High School and Grammar School students for the best historical essay. A beautiful flag has been bought by the Chapter for its use in the D. A. R. room. Contributions were made to the Connecticut College Scholarship Fund, the American International College, the Memorial Library, the Harrison Memorial and to the Manual Fund. Boxes were sent at Christmas time to Ellis Island and to a disabled New Milford veteran of the World War. The D. A. R. Magazine has been placed in the public library. A collection of \$42.50 was taken among the members for Jane Hall, the blind girl attending Connecticut College. Miss Mary Smith has been appointed page for the Continental Congress of April, 1929. A fund was raised to send the mother of a disabled New Milford soldier boy to spend Christmas with her son in Vermont.

RUTH HART CHAPTER

Meriden

Organized February 1, 1893 No. 6 Members 131

Meets second Friday in the month from October to July.

Ruth Cole Hart, born October 29, 1742, was married to Selah Hart on December 22, 1763. She died January 15, 1844, aged one hundred and one years, two months and sixteen days and was laid at rest beside her husband, General Selah Hart in the cemetery a short distance from their home in Berlin (Kensington).

November 29, 1892, several ladies who had been invited, assembled in the parlor of the Winthrop Hotel to meet Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim, State Regent of the Connecticut Society of the D. A. R. Mrs. Keim explained the object of the organization and expressed the desire, that those women, who were eligible should proceed to form a chapter. By virtue of the power conferred upon her by the National Society, Mrs. Keim appointed Mrs. Levi E. Coe, Regent, and

Miss Fannie L. Twiss, Registrar.
February 1, 1893, at the home of Mrs. Charles L. Upham, the Chapter was organized with the following charter members: Mrs. William G. Hooker, Mrs. Russell Hall, Miss Lucy Annah Peck, Miss Hannah S. Holbrook, Miss Alice Scovil Porter, Mrs. Nathaniel H. Bradley, Miss Jessie May Schenck, Mrs. Charles L. Upham, Mrs. Eli Coe Birdsey, Mrs. Seth J. Hall, Mrs. Robert S. Peck, Mrs. Frank L. Hamilton, Mrs. John Ives, Mrs. Levi Coe, Mrs. H. Wales Lines, Sec-

retary; Mrs. Benjamin C. Kennard, Treasurer.

Chapter Regents: Mrs. Levi E. Coe, 1893-1894; Mrs. Charles H. S. Davis, 1894-1897; Mrs. George C. Merriam, 1897-1899; Mrs. Edwin W. Husted, 1899-1900; Mrs. Benjamin C. Kennard, 1900-1902; Mrs. Hannah K. Peck, 1902-1904; Mrs. Frank E. Hinman, 1904-1906; Mrs. William H. Catlin, 1906-1908; Mrs. Benjamin C. Kennard, 1908-1910; Mrs. William H. Catlin, 1910-1912; Mrs. Frank C. Edgerton, 1912-1914; Mrs. Albert Stetson, 1914-1916; Mrs. John G. Nagel, 1916-1919; Mrs. William B. Ives, 1919-1921; Mrs. Emily J. Youngs, 1921-1923; Mrs. Edwin E. Smith, 1923-1925; Mrs. William A. MacKenzie, 1925-

1927; Mrs. Fred P. Owen, 1927-1928. February, 1893-1894: The first Regent, Mrs. Levi Coe (Sophia Cordilia Hall) was prominent in church, social and civic affairs. She compiled a genealogy of the Hall families of America, and thirty-six families of other names

connected with the Halls. This book was published in 1902.
October 1, 1894-January, 1897: Mrs. Charles H. S. Davis (Caroline Harris) was our Regent through the critical year of the Society, when part of the Chapter members withdrew and formed another Chapter. The two Chapters work splendidly together, and accomplish more for local and national work than they

possibly could separately.

January. 1897-January, 1899: Mrs. George Couch Merriam (Helen Bradley). During Mrs. Merriam's administration, the Chapter took over the care of "Meeting House Hill Burying Ground" from the town of Meriden, the first place of burial. The records of the town of Wallingford, and church records tell of 252 persons being buried there. A monument erected by the town of Meriden, 1858, stands in the center of the yard, with family names inscribed thereon.

January, 1899-January, 1900: Mrs. Edwin W. Husted, wife of the Reverend E. W. Husted, served only part of a term. Mr. Husted being a Baptist minister and very popular in the Baptist Society, was called to a larger town. Mrs. Husted

was greatly missed in the Chapter.

January, 1900-April, 1902: Mrs. Benjamin C. Kennard (Justine Baldwin) was a Real Granddaughter. Her grandfather Twiss, entered the army at the age of fourteen years, and grandfather Baldwin at sixteen years. Both served through the Revolution. Grandfather Twiss' sister, Lois, gave the alarm when she saw the Red Coats land at Morris Cove. Mrs. Kennard served a second term, April, 1908-June, 1910.

April, 1902-1904: Miss Hannah Keith Peck, superintendent of "The Curtis Home for Children" was our next Regent. Miss Peck was a great student and her historical papers were among our best. They are well preserved by the

society.

April, 1904-1906: Mrs. Frank E. Hinman (Elizabeth Camp). When Mrs. Hinman accepted the Regency, she was well advanced in years; but her age was no handicap. On retiring, she was made a life member. Mrs. Hinman lived to

celebrate her 91st birthday.

April, 1906-1908: Mrs. William H. Catlin (Jennie Winslow) wife of W. H. Catlin, served two terms. Mrs. Catlin was chairman for eighteen years of Meeting House Hill Burying Ground. During her term of office, the annual convention of State D. A. R. was held in First Congregational Church, Mrs. Catlin, Regent of Ruth Hart Chapter, and Mrs. Wilbur L. Rogers of Susan Carrington Clark Chapter, co-operating. Mrs. Catlin's second term of office was in June, 1910-June, 1912.

June, 1912-June, 1914: Mrs. Frank C. Edgerton (May Kelsey). Edgerton as Regent brought many new and up-to-date ways of accomplishing the work of the Chapter. The Society increased rapidly in numbers during her regime and besides increasing our national work. We added the work of the

Red Cross.

June, 1911-June, 1916: Mrs. Albert L. Stetson (Etta Wetherbee) continued the Red Cross work and began Americanization work, appointing committees and starting work among the foreign born of our town. Mrs. Stetson being unable to finish her term of office, Mrs. C. H. C. Davis, first Vice-Regent, became acting Regent. Under Mrs. Davis' reign, the members of the Chapter were active in the "1776 Year Period" in the Yale Pageant held in the Yale Bowl in New Haven, Connecticut.

June, 1916-June, 1919: Mrs. John Nagel (Nellie Foster) was our War Regent and carried on the program of the National Society, also work of the Red Cross. As Mrs. Nagle's term of office expired June, 1918, the most critical time of the World War, the State Regent, Mrs. Charles Bissell, permitted the Regent to hold over one year until 1919. All war committees on bonds and work were also continued. Over three-quarters of the members bought Liberty Bonds, many turning them over to the Chapter. Mrs. Nagel studied Art abroad and has exhibited many beautiful paintings in Connecticut and New York Academies.

June, 1919-June, 1921: Mrs. William B. Ives (Rhoda Birdeye) is known as a most lovable Christian and broad-minded woman. She has traveled extensively in North America, Europe and in the Holy Land. Mrs. Ives was our Chaplain for many years. During her administration, the War Mothers of the Chapter were given the gold pins in recognition of the services of their sons and daughters in the World War.

June, 1921-June, 1923: Mrs. Emily J. Young, the founder of our local Y. W. C. A. was our next Regent and continued the war work and Red Cross activities. Especially helping the boys returning from "Over There" in need of help, both financially and in securing positions. Mrs. Young succeeded Mrs.

W. H. Catlin, chairman of the Old Burying Ground Association.

June, 1923-June, 1925: Mrs. Edwin E. Smith (Jennie Lee) raised \$500 to put Meeting House Hill Burying Ground in good shape. During the World War it was impossible to have the yard taken care of properly and each member contributed her bit toward restoring this beautiful spot. The \$500 was pledged in thirty days and collected at the end of sixty days. The work was finished and the bill paid in full in ninety days. During Mrs. Smith's term of office, we were

well represented in all public D. A. R. meetings in the State and in Washington,

D. C.

June, 1925-June, 1927: Mrs. William A. MacKenzie (Helen Kennard) daughter of Mrs. B. C. Kennard, former Regent, resides in Wallingford. She is prominent in College Club, Woman's Club and Wallingford Historical Society. Mrs. MacKenzie with Mrs. W. R. Smith of Susan Carrington Clark Chapter, welcomed the D. A. R. delegation at the annual convention held in the First Congregational Church in March, 1927. Mrs. MacKenzie is well known about the State, and through her influence we have had the honor of entertaining the State and National officers.

June, 1927-June, 1928: Mrs. Fred P. Owen (Laura Robinson) wife of Fred P. Owen, assistant superintendent of Connecticut School for Boys, and the daughter of Commander Benjamin Robinson, Merriam Post, G. A. R., of Meriden, Conn. Mrs. Owen is particularly interested in historical events and places and has given an unusual program. The first year of her term of office we celebrated Washington, Lincoln and Ruth Hart's birthdays with receptions, teas and pageants. The chairman on Preservation of Historical Spots in Wallingford has been

greatly helped by the time and labor given by Mrs. Owen.

RUTH WYLLYS CHAPTER

Hartford

Organized November 18, 1892 No. 3 Members 531

Meets second Thursday in December, January, February, March and June. Also October 31st and April 27th, to commemorate historical dates.

A sketch of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D. A. R., compiled by Alice C. Bates (Mrs. Albert C.) from personal accounts of the Biographies of the seven Regents of the Chapter and also containing extracts about Ruth Wyllys from a paper prepared for the Chapter by a former Registrar, Miss Mary Kingsbury Talcott.

The notice on our calendar for the March meeting is entitled "De we know our own Chapter? Come and find out."

For the benefit of our young and newer members, it may be fitting first to tell

you a little about Ruth Wyllys, our "Patron Saint."
"The first of the name in this country, Governor George Wyllys, left in 1638 an ancestral estate in England, to throw in his fortunes with those of the Puritan settlers of Hartford. This estate was near Stratford-on-Avon, and one of the Wyllyses left a sum of money for a "lecture" or sermon to be preached weekly at Stratford; so the thought occurs that Shakespeare was very possibly familiar with the name of Wyllys. Two years before George Wyllys came to Hartford, his steward preceded him, with twenty men, to build his house, the timbers for which were brought hither from England. The Wyllys residence (on 'Wyllys Hill') during the first hundred and thirty years of Hartford's history, bore somewhat the same relation to the town that an English manor-house

bears to the neighboring village.

"There was no Charter Oak Place in those days, and the Wyllys mansion stood on a square of ground, commanding a beautiful view of the winding river and the town of Hartford." But, to return to our patroness, Ruth Wyllys. and the town of Hartford. But, to return to our patroness, kurn wynys. "There was a Ruth Wyllys in every generation after Ruth Haynes, daughter of John Haynes, first Governor of Connecticut, married Samuel Wyllys. This Ruth was living in the Wyllys mansion when the charter was hidden. Our Ruth, the wife of General Samuel Wyllys, herself shared in the Wyllys blood, being the daughter of another Ruth Wyllys, who married first, Richard Lord, and second, Colonel Thomas Belden, of Wethersfield. Ruth Belden was born in 1747. 1747, and was married when barely eighteen to Captain John Stoughton of Windsor. They had one daughter, Elizabeth, who married Oliver Wolcott, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury under Washington and Adams and Governor of Connecticut for the period of ten years. After eight years of widowhood, being then only thirty, Mrs. Stoughton married, February 3, 1777, General Samuel Wyllys, at that time a Colonel in the Continental Army."

The writer of this sketch of Ruth Wyllys, Miss Mary Kingsbury Talcott, from whom I am quoting, obtained this description of her from Mrs. Daniel Buck, who was a grand-niece of Mrs. Wyllys, and when a child spent much time in her



MISS FLORENCE S. MARCY CROFUT Hartford

Chapter Regent, 1913-1921 Chapter Vice-Regent Vice-President of the Ellsworth Memorial Association State Councillor

State Chairman of Military War Records
State Chairman of Preservation of Historical Spots
Vice-Chairman of National Committee on Preservation of Records and
Historical Research

family. "She described her aunt as a beautiful woman with dignified manners, and possessing that indescribable loveliness of spirit which drew all hearts towards her, and having a calm temperament, which fitted her to meet peculiar trials in her own family." Her husband was pictured by the aunt as "tall, striking appearance, having red hair (perhaps there was need of Ruth's calmness) and that he was an inveterate novel reader." "Mrs. Ruth Wyllys died September 2, 1807, at the age of sixty, leaving behind her the memory of a well-spent life. General Wyllys died June 9, 1823 and their graves are in the old Center Church burying ground, like those of all the Wyllyses, unmarked by any stones."

Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was instituted November 19, 1892, and it is interesting to note that during a period of thirty-

five years, we have had only seven Regents.

Mrs. John M. Holcombe, Organizing Regent, 1892-1903

Mrs. Emily Seymour Goodwin Holcombe was a daughter of Edwin Olmstead Goodwin and Harriet Brown (Pomeroy) Goodwin. She was born in Bristol, April 2, 1852 and died in March, 1923. She attended school at the Brooklyn Heights Seminary. She married John M. Holcombe, January 29, 1873. Shortly after their marriage they lived at the Holcombe homestead, Lord's Hill, built in 1815.

Mrs. Holcombe was a descendant of one of the earliest and most prominent families of New England. She was in the eighth generation from Ozias Goodwin, one of the first settlers of Hartford. He came from England to Boston in 1632 and to Hartford in 1636. The line of Mrs. Holcombe's descent was as follows: Ozias, Nathaniel, Deacon John, Deacon John (2), Joseph, Hezekiah and Edwin Olmstead. Her father, Edwin Olmstead Goodwin, was born in East Hartford, November 23, 1819. He married Harriet Brown Pomeroy, September 13, 1848. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in this city. Mr. Goodwin was one of the incorporators of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1846, and gave its name to that company

Mrs. Holcombe was animated with a spirit of intense patriotism. She was the prime mover in the organization of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and its first Regent. The Chapter removed the term limit that Mrs. Holcombe might remain Regent so long as she would occupy the office. The Chapter was instituted November 19, 1892, and Mrs. Holcombe continued

as Regent until October 31, 1903, when she resigned.

Mrs. Holcombe was very active in the movement of Ruth Wyllys Chapter to save the ancient cemetery in the rear of the Center Church, the burying ground in which are interred the bodies of the first settlers. She originated the plan for the widening of Gold street and the removal of the row of tenement houses of unsavory character on the north side of the street, which obstructed the view of the cemetery. A similar work, previously attempted, had failed. Mrs. Holcombe received the hearty support of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, various official boards and the general public. Contributions were generously made, but delays and discouragements ensued. Appeals from property assessment valuations were taken to the courts. A period of discouragement ensued and Mrs. Holcombe alone seemed to be imbued with the spirit of hope and her faith never faltered. She overcame all obstacles and carried the work of improvement to completion with a success which gained for her the thanks of the people of the city and a prominent place as one of the leading women of the state. The celebration of the completion of the work occurred on Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1899, and Mrs. Holcombe, as Regent of Ruth Wyllys Chapter and originator of the plan of the work, made an address in which she delivered the deeds of certain parcels of land to the mayor. On that occasion she was given a loving cup by Vice-Regent Mrs. William H. Palmer, in behalf of the Chapter.

Her work in the restoration of the ancient burying ground has received high tributes from many speakers. One, in speaking of the work of Ruth Wyllys

Chapter, said:

"If any man of my knowledge in Hartford had undertaken the task, there would have been nothing left of him but the footprints of those who stepped upon him. This daughter of the American Revolution had the dynamic force of good patriotic ancestors in her veins, and official boards and public men, court committees and obdurate property owners all bowed to the persuasiveness of Mrs.

Holcombe—one of the greatest improvements that Hartford has known for years

was accomplished."

Mrs. Holcombe was a charter member of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames of America. She was a member of the first board of managers and reelected as soon as eligible after the expiration of her first term. She was a former



Mrs. Clarence H. Wickham



Mrs. James N. H. Campbell

historian of the society. She was president of the state society May, 1908, to May, 1912. From a long list of colonial ancestors Mrs. Holcombe entered the society on ten named among them being John Webster, governor of Connecticut; Roger Conant, first governor of Massachusetts; Attorney-General William Pitkin, the Hon. Captain Caleb Stanley and Captain William Ely. Mrs. Holcombe was one of the leading workers in the movement a few years ago to preserve City Hall (the Old State House) from being razed that a new City Hall might be erected.

Mrs. Holcombe was appointed the Connecticut member of the National Board of Lady Managers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis in 1904. She was made an honorary member of the state commission to the exposition. She was appointed a member of the House Furnishing Committee in connection with the Connecticut state building, and later appointed "special commissioner for collection of antiques and historical articles." The splendid collection of antique furniture and historical articles was gathered by Mrs. Holcombe with great care and the result in the furnished building was a delightful representation of the state during that colonial period.

She was a member of the advisory board of the Connecticut commission for

the Jamestown Exposition in 1907.

Mrs. Holcombe took a prominent part in the acquirement of the home of Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth on Palisado Avenue, Windsor. By appointment of State Regent Mrs. Sara T. Kinney of this city she was chairman of the Supervision Committee which had charge of the repairing and furnishing of the Ellsworth homestead previous to its formal opening in October, 1903. She was chairman of the standing committee of the Ellsworth Memorial Association on gifts, the committee which decides if gifts offered of articles of a historical or antique nature are worthy to be accepted and placed in the Ellsworth homestead. The work of the gifts committee is important, and Mrs. Holcombe was well fitted to be chairman. She had a thorough knowledge of the relative values of antique furniture and articles of historical nature.

She was a member of the Center Church and very active in its work, especially in those lines which concerned the early history of the church, the first religious

organization in this city.

Mrs. Daniel A. Markham, 1903-1905

Mrs. Daniel A. Markham succeeded Mrs. Holcombe as Regent in 1903. There was a steady growth in the membership of the Chapter during her Regency and at the close of her term of office, in 1905, the membership was 308. Mrs. Markham started a new line of work, namely the education of the foreign-born and of the mountain whites and of the uneducated in rural districts. The giving of scholarships to colleges was begun in her Regency.

On October 6, 7 and 8, 1908, the great Bridge Celebration took place and the Chapter assumed charge of an historical tableau, "The Hiding of the Charter."

Mabel Wyllys Wainwright, 1908-1913

Mabel Wyllys Wainwright, a descendant of the Wyllys family of which Ruth was a member, the third Regent of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, was born and brought up in the city of Hartford, Conn. She is the daughter of William Augustus Muhlenberg Wainwright and Helena Barker Talcott.

She was the first treasurer of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, also later holding

the office of Recording Secretary and then Vice-Regent

The outstanding feature of her regime was the sponsoring of the Immigrants' Manual by the Chapter. She also established the social hour after the meetings. She served one year as State Corresponding Secretary and during one Continental Congress was a member of the House Committee.

At the present time she is Vice-President of the Musical Club of Hartford, Vice-President of the Connecticut Music Teachers' Association, a member of the Faculty of the Culver-Smith Kindergarten Training School and on the Board of

Management of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter.

Florence S. Marcy Crofut, 1913-1921

During the eight years' administration of the fourth Regent, (Miss) Florence S. Marcy Crofut, 267 joined the Chapter, which had a net increase in membership from 283 in 1913 to 490 in 1921. On assuming office in 1913, with a necessarily scant Treasury, on her resignation in 1921, notwithstanding the current financial stringency and the raising of the Old State House and War Relief Funds, Chapter investments totalled \$1,478.79. Of this amount, a Chapter Endowment Fund was started by \$400, the retiring gift of Miss Crofut.

Memorial Work

1914: Over one hundred stones were restored in Ancient Burying Ground,

Gold Street, by the Park Board through request of Chapter.

1919: Volume of names and other data of 514 Revolutionary soldiers buried in cemeteries of old town of Hartford compiled by Miss Ella Danforth's committee was bound in blue morocco and presented to the Continental Congress that

The work of Preservation and Restoration of the Old State House, the handsomest Bulfinch building extant was continuous. This building completed and occupied in 1796 as the State House until 1878, was occupied as the City Hall from 1878-1915. In 1915 it was left vacant by the opening of a new Municipal Building and its preservation menaced.

1915: Chapter resolutions for Old State House Preservation sent to the Mayor. 1916: Chapter voted that the Old State House be used as a public forum.

1916-1918: Miss Crofut was a member of the Executive Committee of the Citizens' Committee of representatives from twenty-seven organizations and she

attended all public hearings relative to Old State House Preservation.

1917: A special Chapter meeting voted to bear expense of restoring the room formerly used by the Secretary of State in the Old State House and a contingent fund was also voted to be raised. Both funds were completed within the year and several thousand dollars of the total amounts were raised within two weeks by the Regent, through pledges.

February 14, 1918: Work of restoration had begun.

1919: Miss Crofut served as Chairman of Chapter Committee on Old State House, Spring of 1920, bronze tablet was placed in above mentioned room to mark its restoration by the Chapter to original appearance, including a reproduction of famous spiral staircase. Furnishings added now include side electroliers, a ten foot Hepplewhite, inlaid mahogany table and matching Secretary-desk and heavy blue rep window draperies. An original Senate Chamber settee and ten Hepplewhite mahogany arm chairs were secured by the Regent as memorials and a Logan etching of the building was later given by Mrs. C. L. Taylor as a memorial to Miss Danforth. Over the fireplace hangs the beautiful, pre-Revolutionary Kinney gilt mirror, shell design, bequeathed to the Chapter for this room as a memorial to Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, former State Regent of Connecticut, by her sister, Mrs. Susan T. Darling.

1921: Miss Crofut continued on Municipal Advisory Committee of the Old State House, by appointment from the Mayor.

2. War Work

April 27, 1916: Chapter began to work for home preparedness and to cooperate with Red Cross.

April 27, 1917: War Relief Service Committee of the Chapter began to handle all war requests except those of Red Cross.

Annually for war period, three French war orphans were adopted by Chapter and 73 by individual members. 99 per cent. of Chapter joined Red Cross.

Chapter was unremitting in weekly work at Red Cross, in knitting, in sale of

War Savings Stamps and met all requests.

Miss Lucy Pratt Mitchell sailed August 22, 1917, as an army nurse and was the only Chapter member serving overseas. Sixty-eight near relatives of Chapter members saw active service. Later the sixty-nine war records were bound by the Chapter. On October 31, 1925, in honor of the seven gold star sons, a memorial volume which had been compiled by Miss Crofut and bound was presented by her as a gift to the Chapter.

1n 1917, Miss Crofut, desiring some official recognition to be paid Ruth Wyllys Chapter members for dangerous war service rendered by themselves or near relatives, originated the little emblem, which had the red, white and blue passing through a wreath of laurel and the words "D. A. R. Roll of Honor" were stamped around the beaded edge. This pin, later patented and copyrighted was

presented to each eligible member of Ruth Wyllys Chapter.

April 16, 1918, the Connecticut D. A. R. State Meeting adopted Miss Crofut's resolution that her Roll of Honor pin, originated by her for her own Chapter use should become the official Roll of Honor pin of the National Society. Later, she presented a pin, framed with illustrated folder, to the Chapter and to the Ellsworth Memorial Association.

February 13, 1919, an impressive memorial service for the seven gold star

boys of the Chapter was held in the presence of 250 members.

3. Americanization Work

Americanization work by the Chapter was inaugurated by the fourth Regent. Winter of 1917, Miss Crofut initiated the first free public lecture course in Hartford on civic subjects, under Chapter auspices in the Old State House.

January 29, 1917, Chapter was represented at first City meeting on American-

ization.

Believing that knowledge of racial groups preceded work among them, the Regent was instrumental in compiling and issuing to the Chapter a list of bibli-

ography and other plans.

December 11, 1919, the President General, Mrs. G. T. Guernsey wrote Miss Crofut: "Your plans are fine, an education in itself. Will you please pass them on to the National Chairman?" That resulted in their being printed and issued in a National Bulletin.

Winter of 1920. Originating the idea, exhibits of native art and handicraft brought from the children's homes, with the co-operation of the Mayor's Americanization Committee, were held in nearly every room in nearly every public school of Hartford. To bring school teachers, school children, foreign-born women and Chapter members together, the Regent desired to carry out Miss Caroline M. Hewins' suggestion to have an exhibit of "The Arts of our Newer Americans." Miss Crofut secured permission for holding this in the stately art center of Hartford, the Morgan Memorial. Desirable articles were culled from the school exhibits by Mrs. Berger, Curator of the Morgan Memorial.

May 5-19, 1920: The Exhibit was attended by 8,527; 700 articles were loaned by the eighteen leading racial groups and 163 Chapter members served on Committees. "The Spiritual Interchange of the Peoples" was a brilliant pageant, written for the occasion and coached by Miss Inez Temple, a Chapter member. The roles were chiefly taken by foreign groups and it was presented twice in 1920 in Tapestry Hall. This pageant was repeated in 1926 at another exhibit

of foreign handicraft.

September, 1920: Weekly meetings were instituted for foreign-born women at

the North Street Settlement and contact was established with many of those fur-

nishing articles for the May Exhibit.

1913-1921: The Ruth Wyllys Chapter continued annual scholarships and gifts to Maryville College and occasional scholarships to Mt. Herman School, Connecticut Literary Institute and International Institute at Springfield.

Business and Social Activities

In 1913, Miss Crofut appointed 103 or one third the membership to serve on Committees. In 1920-1921, this number was increased to 387 or about threefourths of the membership. Since 1917, an annual lecture course by Professor E. F. Humphrey, Ph.D., has been almost continuous. In addition to the Birthday Party of February 12, 1914, to establish an Emergency Fund, from 1913-

1921, there were seven noteworthy occasions.
On November 17, 1917, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Chapter was an impressive war-time ceremony opened by the great war Governor, Hon. Marcus Holcombe. The main address was by Lieutenant Andre Morize, 281st French Infantry. The large service flag was given by Mrs. P. H. Ingalls, Chapter Chairman of the War Relief Service Committee. Concluding the anniversary, Miss Crofut presented the national colors as a gift to the Chapter in honor of her maternal great, great grandfather, Colonel Thomas Knowlton of Bunker Hill fame, who was killed at the head of his troops at the Battle of Harlem Heights, September 16, 1776.

November 22, 1918, the Chapter entertained the Connecticut D. A. R. State

Meeting, whose noted speakers included Cyril Maude.

May 17, 1920, a brilliant evening reception was given by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter at the State Library to the Connecticut Sons of the American Revolution and to the officers and members of the Thirty-first Annual Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution.

October 29, 1920, came the memorable luncheon attended by 245 at the Hartford Golf Club in honor of our Connecticut President General, Mrs. Anne Rogers Minor. The Historian General, Miss Jenn W. Coltrane of North Carolina

and State Officers were also guests.

February 2, 1921, occurred the American Historical Costume Party, which was perhaps the most novel Chapter event. It was arranged with episodes for groups of Cavaliers, Pilgrims, Round-Heads, Puritans and others of Civil War period.

During Miss Crofut's Regency the Ruth Wyllys Chapter became and remained the largest in Connecticut. At the June meeting following her resignation at the annual meeting of April 27, 1921, she was presented with a beautiful platinum bar pin, set with diamonds and sapphires, as a loving testimonial.

Biographical Sketch of Florence S. Marcy Crofut.

In addition to holding the Chapter offices of Recording Secretary, Vice-Regent and for eight years that of Regent of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, in the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Miss Florence S. Marcy Crofut has served as Vice-President of the Ellsworth Memorial Association, two terms as State Councillor and on many State Committees and as State Chairman of Publicity. As State Chairman of Military War Records she originated the war blank used and the five volumes of bound Connecticut records compiled was the first completed set to reach Washington in April, 1920. Their information occupied half of the State Regent's report before the 1920 Continental Congress. As 1927-28 State Chairman of Committee on Preservation of Historic Spots, Miss Crofut and her committee are compiling and editing the historical data assembled by fifty-one Chapter Chairmen for Connecticut's part in the proposed "National Guide to Historic Spots."

Miss Crofut has served various Continental Congresses as page and one year as a Vice-Chairman and six years a member of the House Committee and two years as teller. From 1920-1923 as Vice-Chairman of the National Committee on Preservation of Records and Historical Research the compilation of the Military War Records by all the States was made under her supervision. Over one hundred of such volumes, uniformly bound, are now in Memorial Continental Hall Library. With the Historian General, Miss Coltrane, Miss Crofut had

charge of the program of Living Historical Pictures, presented Friday evening,

April 22, 1921 at the Congress.

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, adopted two war work features originated by Miss Crofut on April 19, 1918, the Roll of Honor pin originated by her for her own eligible Ruth Wyllys Chapter members was voted by the Congress to become the official Roll of Honor pin of the National Society. Proceeds from its national sale by here were sent to the Treasurer General for the French Orphan Fund.

In June, 1920, the National Board of Management voted to adopt as the official blank of the Society, the Military War Record blank and the form of indexing originated by her for the Connecticut War volumes. The printer and

binder employed by Connecticut became official also.

Miss Crofut holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and of Master of Arts, conferred by Wellesley College to which her most important contribution has been her organizing in January, 1912, the Wellesley College Graduate Council. In Hartford, she has been President of the Hartford Wellesley Club; was one of the organizers of the College Club of Hartford and its Secretary and President. She is interested in Sunday School work and is a member of the American Association of University Women. Miss Crofut is also a member of the Colonial Dames, Vice-Chairman of the Manuscript Committee of the Connecticut Society Colonial Dames of America, which she represents on a civic committee. She is Vice-President of the Connecticut Chapter of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America and a member of the Daughters of Colonial Wars and the Daughters of the Seventeenth Century.

Mrs. Charles Lincoln Taylor, 1921-1923

Bertha Smith Taylor is descended from Colonial and Revolutionary ancestry. John Alden and Priscilla Mullins of the Mayflower; Rev. Thomas Hooker who founded Hartford in 1636; Miles Morgan who arrived from Bristol, England, in 1636 and founded Springfield, Mass. soon after; Rev. John Whiting who attended Yale College in 1640 and was first pastor of the Second Congregational Church in Hartford, and Colonel Ichabod Norton who fought in the Revolution, were among her ancestors.

Bertha Smith Taylor was one of a large family and was born and brought

up in Hartford, Conn.

She was graduated from the Hartford High School and attended Smith College. She taught mathematics at the High School from 1893 to 1898 and was married April 19, 1898 to Charles Lincoln Taylor. They have four children, three of whom have been graduated from college and one from Oxford University, England.

Bertha Smith Taylor belongs to the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Hartford College Club, the Hartford Smith College Club, has for several years served on the Board of the

Young Women's Christian Association.

She was Chairman of Committee for Revision of Connecticut State D. A. R. By-Laws in 1926 and was on the Connecticut State D. A. R. Council from 1926-28. She is a member of Trinity Church, Hartford.

Mrs. Clarence H. Wickham, 1923-1927

Mrs. Clarence H. Wickham (Edith Farwell McGraft), Regent of Ruth Wyllys Chapter from 1923 to 1927, was born in Saginaw, Michigan, the daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Newcomb McGraft. When she was one year old, her parents moved to Muskegon, Michigan. Her father was at one time Mayor of the city of Muskegon.

Following her graduation from the local high school, Mrs. Wickham attended

Oberlin College, and then spent some time in European travel.

After her marriage to Mr. Clarence H. Wickham of Hartford, she took an active part in Church work in this city for a number of years, establishing the Junior Branch of the Congregational Home Missionary Union of Connecticut, and serving as its secretary.

During the World War she was president of the Hartford Auxiliary of the

McAll Mission in France.

She has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hartford

Young Women's Christian Association, and for two years was Chairman of the

Association's Religious Education Committee.

In April, 1921, Mrs. Wickham was elected Recording Secretary of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, serving three years. Following the resignation of Mrs. Charles L. Taylor in 1923, she was elected Regent of the Chapter, an office which she held until April, 1927, when she resigned the Regency that she might be free to accompany her husband on an extended trip around the world. Realizing the possibilities of work along Americanism lines, Mrs. Wickham has made this the outstanding feature of her term of office. In 1925 the Chapter issued its "Patriotic Calendar," which proved not only of much interest, as it contained patriotic quotations from many prominent people from all parts of the country, as well as many of the Chapter's own members, more than one thousand dollars was realized from the sale of these calendars, the entire amount being used for work among the foreign born, and for scholarships.

In May, 1926, the Chapter held an "Americans All" week, in commemoration of the sesqui-centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The exhibit was held in the historic old Bullfinch State House in Hartford; representatives of twenty-one racial groups took part, and contributed specimens of handiwork from their native lands, and during the week the exhibit was visited by over 17,000 persons. Some form of entertainment was given each evening, which reached the climax on the final day of the exhibit, when the pageant "The Spiritual Interchange of the Peoples," was given twice. Representatives of each

group as well as members of the Chapter, took part in the pageant.

In 1927 another calendar was issued, this being known as the "Ships to America" calendar, and was reminiscent of the "Americans All" work of the preceding year. It was designed by a Chapter member, and depicted on its twelve pages the contributions of other lands to American life and civilization.

Other outstanding pieces of Americanism work, have been the Auxiliary Committee to the Evening Schools, which has a sub-committee for each of the night schools of the city, work in several of the settlements, and numerous scholar-

ships given by the Chapter to schools and colleges.

In 1926, Mrs. Wickham was appointed by Governor Trumbull as one of two Connecticut women to serve as members of the Women's Committee for the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. A part of her work as a member of this Committee was the selection of Connecticut's four outstanding women in

the fields of civics, art, literature and music.

In addition to her work as Regent of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Mrs. Wickham has served as a member of the State Auditing Committee (1926) and was also for two years chairman of the State Philippine Scholarship Fund. Upon the completion of this fund, she was appointed State Chairman of Patriotic Education, an office which she now holds. She also holds at the present time the office of Secretary of the Ellsworth Memorial Association, and in 1927 was elected State Corresponding Secretary of the Connecticut Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. J. N. H. Campbell, 1927

Marion Judith Moulton. Born in New Hampton, New Hampshire. Graduated January 22, 1904, from Mount Holyoke College, So. Hadley, Mass. Studied 1904-5 at Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Taught in High Schools, Wrentham, Mass., Thomaston and Bristol, Conn., 1905-1907. Married May 1, 1907, James Noel Howard Campbell in Hartford, Conn. Four children (two boys; two girls). President College Club of Hartford, 1919-21, having served two years as Vice-President. President Women's Association, Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 1922-24, having served three years as Recording Secretary. President Mount Holyoke Club of Hartford, 1923-26, having served as Vice-President. Board of Management, Ruth Wyllys Chapter, 1923-24. Recording Secretary, Ruth Wyllys Chapter, 1924-27. Vice-President, Graduate Council, Mount Holyoke College, 1927-30. Regent Ruth Wyllys Chapter, 1927-28. Recording Secretary, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, 1927-29.

Mrs. Campbell was elected in April, 1927, to fill unexpired term of Mrs. Clarence H. Wickham, for one year.

Only part of year has been served so not much has yet been accomplished. The one outstanding event was a lecture given under the auspices of the Chapter at the Broad Street Auditorium of the High School by Mr. Charles Colfax Long of Washington, D. C., on "Washington, the Enchanted City from Dawn to Dusk." This netted the Chapter \$330 to be used in its Americanism and Patriotic Education work. It was also used as a piece of Americanism work in that the foreign born who attend the Adult Evening Schools were given the reduced rate of 25 cents per ticket and 250 attended.

SABRA TRUMBULL CHAPTER

Rockville

Organized May 15, 1895

No. 29

Members 89

Meets second Wednesday in each month from October to May, inclusive

To our Chapter the name Sabra Trumbull is full of meaning not only for the memory of the loyal helpful woman of the Revolution, but as Connecticut daughters remembering the name of Trumbull. We delight to honor it by linking to

it "Sabra," synonym for truth, purity and goodness.
Sabra Trumbull Chapter was organized by the State Regent, Mrs. deB. Randolph Keim, in May, 1895. There were sixteen charter members of which four of them were Real Daughters. The charter members were: Mrs. Mary Risley Adams, Mrs. Esther Langdon Adams, Mrs. Lucinda Roberts Bill, Mrs. Alice Farmer Bissell, Mrs. Emily King Farmer, Mrs. Laura Hale Hall, Miss Lenore Henry, Mrs. Harriet Kellogg Maxwell, Miss J. Alice Maxwell, Mrs. Celia Keeney Prescott, Miss Elizabeth Porter Prescott, Miss Ella McLean Talcott, Mrs. Emerette Scott Risley, Mrs. Lizzie Merrick Belding, Miss Era Roselle Vinton, Miss Elizabeth McLean Maynard.

Chapter Regents: Mrs. Mary Risley Adams, 1895-1899; Mrs. Lizzie Merrick Belding, 1899-1903; Mrs. Celia Kenney Prescott, 1903-1905; Mrs. Jesse Anthony Jackson, 1905-1907; Mrs. Lizzie Belding, 1907-1908; Mrs. Jesse Jackson Mc-Christee, 1908-1911; Mrs. Florence P. Maxwell, 1911-1912; Mrs. Bernice Heath Lykes, 1912-1913; Miss Grace West, 1913-1914; Mrs. Mary Annis, 1914-1916; Mrs. Ruth Talcott Britton, 1916-1919; Mrs. Jennie B. Butler, 1919-1922; Mrs. Bessie C. Martin, 1922-1925; Mrs. Florence Maxwell, 1925-1928; Mrs. Mattie A.

Skinner, 1978-1929.

The Chapter has aided in a great many lines of work, but I make mention

of what to me seems the most important.

The buying of a park and placing in it a boulder with bronze inscription commemorating Lafayette's visit. The park is located in front of the Old King Tavern where Lafayette stopped. The Chapter gave the park to the city of Rockville, and called it Lafayette Park. The Chapter also established a night school in Roc'tville at its own expense, as the tax payers were not willing to assist; but finally the people saw the benefit derived from it and the interest shown and now, it is supported entirely by the town. The Chapter supports a free bed in the Hospital of Rockville, having a fund which seems to be sufficient for

I might say that schools and colleges and many other lines of work are always

remembered.

S. C. MILLARD, Historian, Sabra Trumbull Chapter.

Regents



Mrs. H. Maria Barber



Mrs. Lulu J. Ward





Ida L. James



Mrs. Julia DuBois James

Mrs. Josie Guild



Mrs. Hattie M. Buckingham

SARAH LUDLOW CHAPTER

Seymour

Organized May 2, 1894 No. 19 Members 54

Meets first Wednesday in each month from October to June, inclusive.

The Patron Saint is Sarah Ludlow, daughter of Roger Ludlow, who came from England in 1630. He was born in 1592 and at the age of 20, entered Oxford College; he studied for the bar and was admitted to the "Inner Temple." Upon his arrival in the Massachusetts Colony, he became a leader among the

Colonists, was deputy governor and a judge in the general court.
"In 1636, Roger Ludlow and seven others came from Bay Colony of Massachusetts, and settled at Windsor on the Connecticut river. During the first year Ludlow was Governor, but at the end of the year, not wishing to remain under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the Connecticut planters formed themselves into a new distinct commonwealth and with sober thought and prayerful consideration, they drew up a constitution which today forms the basis of the constitutions of many states of the American Republic."

In 1639 Roger Ludlow obtained a commission from the general court of Connecticut, to form a settlement in Fairfield. In 1640 he obtained from the Indians, "by honorable purchase," a tract of land, "extending from the sea, a day's walk into the country," this walk was known as the "North Walk" now contracted to Norwalk. In 1654 he left Fairfield to visit his brother George Ludlow in Virginia; this brother died in 1655, leaving his estate to Roger Ludlow's children, and henceforth the Ludlow family lived either in Virginia or England.

Sarah, youngest child, was born in Fairfield; not much is known of her personality. She married Rev. Nathaniel Brewster, grandson of Elder William Brewster of Mayflower fame. He graduated from Harvard in 1642, being one of the nine men in the first class graduated from that Institution. He followed the Ludlows to England, and was married to Sarah Ludlow shortly after his arrival. They remained in England many years. Three sons, John, Timothy and Daniel were sent to America to their grandfather, Jonathan Brewster at Setauket, Long Island, to be educated.

In 1662 the Brewsters returned to America and settled at Brookhaven, Long Island. Reverend Brewster, in 1665, visited his sons at Setauket, and became the minister of the church at that place, remaining there until his death in 1690, age 70 years. Sarah Ludlow Brewster and her husband are buried in the

Presbyterian Burying Ground at Setauket, Long Island.

Because nine of the twenty charter members of the Seymour Chapter claimed descent from either the Ludlow or Brewster families, the name "Sarah Ludlow"

was chosen for the organization.

Sarah Ludlow Chapter was organized at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth James Camp, who had received her appointment as Regent. There were twenty-two present and of these, twenty names are signed to the charter. The name Sarah Ludlow was adopted on motion of Mrs. Louisa Rugg. The Regent, Mrs. Camp, appointed the Chapter officers as follows: Vice-Regent, Mrs. Julia H. French; Secretary, Miss Allida L. Booth; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Maria Barber; Historian, Miss Sarah Winthrop Smith; Registrar, Mrs. Louise R. Sperry; Board of Management, Mrs. Fanny G. Day, Mrs. Cornelia McEven, Mrs. M. M. Randall.

The charter members are: Mrs. Elizabeth James Camp, Miss Sarah Winthrop Smith, Miss Clara Camp (not now a member), Miss Ida L. James, Mrs. Minerva H. James, Mrs. Julia DuBois James, died 1911; Mrs. Louisa Rugg, Mrs. H. Maria Barber, died 1927; Mrs. Hulda DeWolf Roberts, died 1924; Miss Allida L. Booth, Miss Mary Booth, Mrs. H. A. Cotter, Mrs. Alice Beach, Mrs. Jennie Johnquest, Mrs. Louise Sperry, Mrs. Sarah R. James, Miss Ruth Sanford, Mrs. Charlotte Woodward, died 1906; Mrs. Julia H. French, Mrs. Mary Clark.

The Regents were: Mrs. Elizabeth James Camp, 1894-1896; Mrs. Julia DuBois James, 1896-1897; Mrs. Elizabeth James Camp, 1897-1898; Mrs. Anna C. Dean, 1898-1900; Mrs. H. Maria Barber, 1900-1902; Mrs. Julia C. Culver, 1902-1904; Mrs. H. Maria Barber, 1904-1906; Mrs. Bessie C. Sanford, 1906-1908; Miss Ida L. James, 1908-1910; Mrs. Lulu J. Ward, 1910-1912; Mrs. Josephine E. Guild, 1912-1913; Mrs. Helen A. Culver, 1913-1915; Mrs. Elizabeth R. Jeffries, 1915-1916; Mrs. Josephine E. Guild, 1916-1917; Mrs. Hattie M. Buckingham, 1917-1919; Mrs. Olive T. Adams, 1919-1923; Mrs. Annie W. Matthies, 1923-1925; Mrs. Florence R. Smith, 1925-1927; Mrs. Bessie C. Sanford, the present Regent.

Chapter History Under Regents

Mrs. Lewis A. Camp, organizing Regent, 1894-1896, 1897-1898. Elizabeth James, daughter of Thomas James and Mrs. Minerva H. Rowe James, (Mrs.

Charter Members



Mrs. Minerva H. James



Mrs. Sarah R. James



Mrs. Hulda DeWolf Roberts



Mrs. Charlotte F. (Peck)



Mrs. Alice M. Beach

James was a direct descendant of Sarah Ludlow Brewster) married Lewis A. Camp. Three children, Minerva James (Mrs. A. R. Hill), Elizabeth Lewis (Mrs. John Green), Thomas James.

Events taking place during Mrs. Camp's Regency of two terms: Reception to Mrs. deB. R. Keim, State Regent, at home of Mrs. Carlos French. Mrs. Julia DuBois James presented a gavel made of wood of locust tree planted by Thomas Jefferson at Mt. Vernon. Two delegates from Chapter attended funeral of Miss Susan Carrington Clarke, late State Regent. Resolutions on her death were spread upon minutes. The Chapter entertained as guests, officers and delegates to the Washington Congress of 1896 from Waterbury, Ansonia, Derby, Bridgeport, Southport, Norwalk, New Haven, Meriden, Bristol and Middletown. Luncheon served and program of local and out of town talent. An original poem by Mrs. Maria S. Noyes, "The Boston Tea Party," was read. Antiques exhibited in the hall included, a copper kettle which came over in the Mayflower, spinning wheel once owned by General David Humphreys, chair 250 years old used by Elihu Yale. Regent and officers were invited to meet with Norwalk Chapter, June 13th, and with Lebanon Chapter, June 17th. Money was raised for Cuban War sufferers. Glee Club formed.

Mrs. Julia A. DuBois James, 1896-1897. Julia Ann DuBois was the daughter of Louis Matthew Mitchell DuBois and Deborah Mitchell Teller DuBois. She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 9, 1841. Graduated from St. Mary's Hall in Burlington, New Jersey. Married in the Chapel at St. Mary's Hall, July 21, 1879, to Thomas L. James, son of Thomas James and Minerva H. Rowe James. She came to Seymour, Conn., with her husband and lived there the rest of her life. They had four daughters, Ida Louise, May DuBois, who died; Julia DuBois, who died; and Agnes DePeyster, married. Mrs. James was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and a charter member of the Chapter. She was Vice-Regent 1900-1902 and Historian 1895-1896. She died a great deal of research work and wrote many historical papers. She died June 27, 1911.

Mrs. Anna C. Dean, 1898-1900. Anna Curtiss Fairchild was born January 25, 1833, at Oxford, Connecticut, the daughter of Nathan Beecher Fairchild and Anna Sherman Fairchild. She married Samuel R. Dean, January 15, 1862. The Chapter contributed to fund for Lafayette Monument and equestrian statue of Washington given to France by American Women. Books sent to U. S. soldiers of Cuban War. Aid sent to Boston Fair held to raise funds for the New England Hospital. History of the Chapter heroine written by Mrs. Julia DuBois James. Contributed to funds for Mrs. Sara T. Kinney's trip to Paris and for

the purchase of Nathan Hale School House.

Mrs. H. Maria Barber, 1900-1902, 1904-1906. Harriet Maria de Wolf was born January 21, 1844, and married James Rush Barber, June 14, 1871. A daughter, Harriet, was born September 26, 1872. Harriet Maria Barber died June 14, 1927. She was at one time Vice-Regent and Treasurer of the Chapter as well as a member of the State Council in 1917-1927. Work was begun in locating and marking graves of Revolutionary soldiers and a move made toward erecting a suitable memorial in the town to all Revolutionary soldiers. Gave the public library a copy of "Chapter Heroines" and "Our Patron Saints" also a book containing names of all Revolutionary soldiers in this vicinity and roll of soldiers of French and Indian wars. Contributed to one of thirteen columns for Memorial Continental Hall, and to one-fifth to marker on Andrews Mountain commemorating ancient boundary of Derby road and Waterbury. State Regent, Mrs. Sara Kinney, visited the Chapter and in a talk advocated a new line of endeavor for D. A. R. activity, namely patriotic education for foreign born inhabitants and their children. She sounded a warning against the "Black Shadows of Anarchy" now very close to the folds of "Old Glory." Contributed to fund for monument to D. A. R. nurses in Cuban War.

Mrs. Amos Culver, 1902-1904. Julia Church, daughter of Henry Church and Lucinda Riggs, born in Oxford, Connecticut, September 23, 1852. Married Amos Culver of Naugatuck, Conn., October 23, 1872. She died October 28, 1925. She was Vice-Regent and Recording Secretary of Chapter. Transferred to Waterbury Chapter in 1910. Organized Chapter in Naugatuck. Donated money for Memorial Continental Hall and \$50 to Seymour Public Library building fund. Mrs. Elizabeth James Camp, first Regent, made Honorary Regent.

Mrs. Bessie C. Sanford, 1906-1908, 1927. Has been corresponding Secretary of the Chapter and was Vice-Regent, 1925-1927. Bessie Minerva Cable, born July 15, 1875, Oxford, Conn., the daughter of Glover Wheeler Cable and Elizabeth Huldah Hatch. Married Sherman Sanford, June 8, 1898, has two children. Chapter contributed to Connecticut Library Institute of Suffield and to the Mary Merriam Abbott Memorial Scholarship Fund given at Yale University. Restored stone at grave of Ezra Butler in Trinity Cemetery, Seymour.

Miss Ida L. James, 1908-1910. Ida Louise James, the daughter of Thomas L. James and Julia A. DuBois James, was born December 12, 1871. She graduated from the Seymour High School, and then went to St. Margarer's School, Waterbury, Conn. She was a charter member, Vice-Regent and Secretary of the Chapter. She was an active worker in the American Red Cross during the World War. The Chapter offered prizes in history in Seymour public schools. Chapter History written to date by Mrs. C. H. Guild and voted to have published in American Monthly Magazine. Entertained Mrs. John L. Sterling, Vice-President General, and Mrs. J. L. Buel on her first official visit as State Regent, at the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Chapter. Many guests were present. Chapter received a book from Frank G. Bassett, prepared by him, containing

complete list of Revolutionary soldiers buried in territory under jurisdiction of

Sarah Ludlow Chapter.

Mrs. Lulu J. Ward, 1910-1912. Mrs. Ward was born September 4, 1864, in Naugatuck, Conn., the daughter of Isaac B. Talles and Maria Wooster Buckingham. She married William L. Ward, July 10, 1889, and moved to Seymour, August 1, 1889. Was Vice-Regent of the Chapter at one time. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. Her health became broken after her strenuous activities during the World War and especially after her self-sacrifice and devotion in giving aid and comfort at the time of the great influenza epidemic of 1918. She died March 31, 1925. Contributed to fund for bronze doors, gift from Connecticut to Memorial Continental Hall; to the Berry School, Italian Guida, Caroline Scott Harrison Memorial and publishing of Chalkey records. Gave public library a historical volume on General David Humphreys. A real daughter, Mrs. George Baldwin, was reported, committee appointed to call on her and invite her to become honorary member. Invited by Seymour Business Men's Association to join them in erecting a Memorial in town to General David Humphreys.

Mrs. Josephine E. Guild, 1912-1913, 1916-1917. Was Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Vice-Regent of Chapter. Josephine Ladd was born February 3, 1859, in Naugatuck, Conn., and married Charles Guild, May 3, 1883. They had two children, Theodore and Doris (Guild) Lowndes. Mrs. Guild died in Bridgeport, Conn., 1919. A General Humphreys Memorial Fund was established. Co-operates with other local organizations in movement for better health in public schools. Chapter entertained by Regent at her home in Stamford with luncheon and afternoon program. Members took part in Yale Pageant. Members of Chapter appointed Red Cross committee for war work. Yarn was bought for war work knitting. A \$100 Liberty Bond bought.

Mrs. S. Hart Culver, 1913-1915. Helen A. Downs was born April 25, 1853, and married S. Hart Culver, August 10, 1873. A daughter, Helena, was born May 18, 1875. Historian of Chapter at one time. Contributed \$50 for \$5,000 bond fund on Memorial Continental Hall debt. Members signed petitions to Connecticut General Assembly for an appropriation of \$2,000 to erect a General David Humphreys memorial in Seymour. Celebrated twenty-first anniversary. Luncheon at House of Tyrill for guests of honor, who included State Regent, Mrs. Buel and State Vice-Regent, Mrs. Bissell, both of whom spoke at afternoon program. Chapter bought one square foot of land adjoining Memorial Continental Hall and contributed to fund for auto ambulance for French army.

Mrs. Elizabeth Riggs Jeffries, 1915-1916. At request of Seymour Chamber of Commerce the Chapter took over the General David Humphreys Memorial Fund held by that body with understanding that the Chapter assumes no responsibility in the matter of erecting the memorial. Chapter petitions Mr. Day for use of assembly room in new Day Memorial Public Library building. The perpetual use of this room is granted to the Chapter and the Seymour Woman's Club through the courtesy of Messrs H. P. and E. Day and the town library committee. G. A. R. Veterans entertained by Chapter at dinner on Memorial Day at home of the Regent. A bazaar was held in Library Hall. The Chapter co-operated with the New Haven County Farm Bureau in conservation work. Elizabeth Riggs, the daughter of John Harpin and Adella Kennedy Riggs, was born August 4, 1869, in Oxford, Conn. Married Thomas Jackson Jeffries, 3rd, of Philadelphia, October 27, 1897. One son, James, was born October, 1900, in Seymour, Conn. Her ancestors, Sergeant Edward Riggs, served in Pequot War; Captain John Riggs in the Revolutionary War, and father, Corporal John H. Riggs, four years in the Civil War. She was Vice-Regent of the Chapter, 1923-1925.

Mrs. Samuel William Buckingham, 1917-1919. Hattie Mabel Wheeler, born October 27, 1897. One son, James, was born October, 1900, in Seymour, Conn. Smith Candee Wheeler. Married Samuel William Buckingham, January 1, 1879. Mrs. Buckingham was Vice-Regent of the Chapter, 1899-1900. Members active in Red Cross work, knitting, buying bonds and contributing toward restoration of village of Tilloloy in France. Members took part in war-time parades, and gave aid and comfort during the influenza epidemic. Decorated Honor Roll for Christmas. Sent cards and canes to Walter Reed Hospital. Chapter members took part in "Welcome Home" parade. Contributions sent to American

Women's Hospital.

Mrs. Clarence Victor Adams, 1919-1923. Olive Dutton Thrall, born January 24, 1881, in Guilford, Conn., the daughter of Hiram Lewis Thrall and Sarah Jane Munson Thrall. Married Clarence Victor Adams, November 6, 1901. Two children. Recording Secretary, 1915-1919. Chapter indorses Woman Suffrage and takes part in Thrift Campaign. "Stars and Stripes" of the A. E. F. presented to Seymour Public Library. Contribution sent to Bethany Home for the Aged, Newark, New Jersey. Contribution sent to help in raising \$5,000 scholarship fund in honor of Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey. Chapter entertained State Regent, Mrs. Buel; State Vice-Regent, Mrs. Bissell and guests from Naugatuck, Ansonia, Derby and New Haven Chapters. Contributed to Jonathan Trumbull Professorship. Mrs. Matthies presented Chapter with standard for flag. Regent presented to the Chapter a fragment of a mill wall once situated at Ponce de Leon's fountain of perpetual youth in Florida. The Chapter distributed leaflets on proper use of the flag to all organizations in town.

Mrs. George É. Matthies, 1923-1925. Annie Wooster was born in Springfield, Mass., the daughter of William Henry Harrison and Anna Louise Putnam Wooster; they were lineal descendants of Edward Wooster, first white settler in Derby, Conn., in 1654 and John Putnam, who was given a grant of one hundred acres of land in Salem, Mass., in 1640, respectively. William H. H. Wooster came to live in Seymour in 1879 and Annie Wooster married George E. Matthies

in 1890.

Mrs. Matthies contributed for Chapter to Harding Memorial. Chapter celebrated thirtieth anniversary with luncheon to fifty members and guests served by Young Women's Bible Class of the Congregational Church. Guests of honor were Mrs. George M. Minor, Honorary President General of the National Society; Mrs. John L. Buel, Vice-President General; Mrs. Charles H. Bissell, State Regent; and Miss Katharine A. Nettleton, State Vice-Regent; and Regents and guests from neighboring Chapters. All of the guests of honor spoke at the afternoon program held in Library Hall. The Chapter history was written and read by Miss Elizabeth M. Chatfield. The Honorary Regent, Mrs. E. J. Camp, was present and added a word of welcome. The Chapter bought two acres of land in the People's Forest. Chapter presented a copy of "Memories of Old Derby" to Seymour Public Library. The Chapter erected a monument to all the Revolutionary soldiers within its jurisdiction. The boulder was presented to the Chapter by Miss Eliza M. Chatfield from her farm in Bungay. The Chapter placed a bronze tablet on the boulder inscribed with the names of Revolutionary soldiers. The dedication exercises were held in June and were very impressive. The Memorial was placed on the lawn in front of the Public Library. presentation of the boulder was made by Miss Chatfield and the tablet was unveiled by the retiring Regent, Mrs. Matthies. Members of the G. A. R., the American Legion and other civic and patriotic organizations were present and members of the Legion acted as a guard of honor. Guests were present from the town and from other Chapters. Mrs. Bissell, State Regent, was present and spoke. The committee which had in charge the work of erecting this Memorial was headed by Mrs. Olive F. Adams. Mr. W. L. Ward, chairman of the town library committee gave the committee much assistance.

Mrs. Florence Rice Smith, 1925-1927. Florence Augusta Rice was born in New Salem, Mass., on May 18, 1879, the daughter of Frederick W. and Clara Estey Rice. The early years of her life were spent in Sunderland and Deerfield. after which she lived in Worcester and North Wilbraham. In 1898 she married Richard H. Smith of Seymour, Conn., and moved to that town. She is a life member of the Chapin Family Association, being a descendant of Deacon Samuel Chapin, one of the founders of Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Smith was Recording Secretary, 1923-1925 and is the present Vice-Regent. Members of the Chapter took \$1,700 in New Auditorium bonds. Mrs. Matthies gave \$1,000 to Memorial Continental Hall and Miss Katherine Matthies \$500. Mrs. Matthies also gave two chairs at \$150 each to the New Auditorium, one in honor of a former State Regent, Mrs. Buel, and the other in honor of Miss Katherine Matthies, who

acted as Page at the thirty-fifth D. A. R. Congress.

Mrs. Helena C. Williams elected Treasurer. The Chapter presented the retiring Treasurer, Mrs. H. Maria Barker, with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in recognition of her twenty-two years of service. Members tacked comfortables and had silver teas during summer. The Chapter pledged to take a chair in

Constitution Hall in honor of its organizing Regent, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Camp. Contribution given for D. A. R. Scholarship at Connecticut College. Three hundred and forty-four manuals distributed by Miss Allida Booth, chairman of Patriotic Education. Miss Katherine Matthies was appointed chairman of State Better Films Committee and Mrs. Annie W. Matthies endorsed as State Councilor.

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Mrs. Bessie C. Sanford, 1927. Mrs. Hugh Reid Griffin, guest of Chapter. She told of founding D. A. R. Chapters in London, and Paris, and presented Chapter with a framed replica of the coat of arms of Washington as found over door of Sulgrave Manor. The Historian, Miss Chatfield, compiled the data on the Preservation of Historic Spots for the National Society, covering Seymour, Bethany Oxford and Beacon Falls. The Ways and Means Committee, Mrs. Olive F. Adams, chairman, added \$101.02 to the treasury from sale of Christmas cards. Miss Katherine Matthies was again appointed Page to D. A. R. Congress. Mrs. Olive F. Adams was absent from a meeting for the first time in thirteen years.

Sarah Ludlow Chapter has had two real daughters, Mrs. Sarah Candee Fairchild and Mrs. Augusta Wooster Lum. They were made honorary members of the Chapter and given the gold souvenir spoon by the N. S. D. A. R. Their pictures and biographies can be found in "Chapter Sketches, Connecticut D. A. R. Patriots Daughters," by Mary P. Root.

MISS ELIZA M. CHATFIELD, Historian.

SARAH RIGGS HUMPHREYS CHAPTER

Derby

Organized October 11, 1893

No. 12

Members 205

Meets first Tuesday in each month from October to May, inclusive.

Sketch of Lady Humphreys

Sarah Riggs Humphreys, daughter of Captain John and Elizabeth Tomlinson Riggs, was born in Derby, December 17, 1711. She was a descendant of Edward Riggs, 2nd, one of the original settlers of Derby. In the first Riggs home the regicide judges, Whally and Goffe, found shelter when they were hunted from place to place by the officers of the British king. This house was enclosed by a palisade, and here the early settlers found protection in times of Indian outbreaks. It was probably the second house built on the home lot which became the birth-place of Sarah Riggs, and where she was married in 1732 to John Bowers, who died in 1738. In about two years she became the wife of Rev. Daniel Humphreys. Five children were born of this union. The most noted of her gifted family was her youngest son, General David Humphreys, aide and trusted friend of Washington—a distinguished diplomat and man of letters, as well as a brave soldier. Elegant in personal appearance, refined in education and manners, Sarah Riggs Humphreys became a familiar figure in the cultured college circles of Yale—and for half a century, as wife of the scholarly clergyman, she bore the honored title of "Lady Humphreys." She passed away on July 29, 1789, five weeks before the death of her husband.

Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter was organized October 11, 1893, in the home of its organizing Regent, Mrs. A. W. Phillips (Nancy O.). Mrs. Phillips had been appointed Organizing Regent under Mrs. Keim and so diligent had she been in the preliminary work that twenty-one met to form the local Chapter. Miss Jane deForest Shelton at that meeting read a sketch of the life and character of Sarah Riggs Humphreys, whose grace of manner and elegance of personal appearance won for her the title of Lady Humphreys. It was decided that the Chapter should bear her name. Miss Shelton had been of great assistance to Mrs. Phillips in forming the Chapter, her remarkable historical knowledge and gifted pen, combined with Mrs. Phillips' energy and enthusiasm, gave an impetus and stability to the Chapter which has influenced through all the years. The following are the names of the charter members. Miss Jane deForest Shelton, Miss Ada S. Shelton, Miss Louise J. Shelton, Mrs. Rose T. Shelton (Charles W.),



Mrs. Nancy O. Phillips



Mrs. Charles H. Pinney



Mrs. Frederick G. Perry



Mrs. Jennie B. Sawyer



Katharine Arnold Nettleton State Regent



Mrs. George L. Beardsley



Mrs. William H. Williams

Mrs. Nancy O. Phillips (A. W.), Mrs. Eliza H. Osborne (John W.), Miss Mary Louise Birdseye, Mrs. Jessie Gilbert Sperry (W. N.), Mrs. Francelia T. Brooks (Charles T.), Mrs. Mary Hotchkiss Bassett (Charles), Mrs. Lydia T. Downs (Sydney A.), Mrs. Mary Smith Bassett (D. M.), Mrs. Caroline J. B. Clark, Mrs. Myrtie C. Baldwin (Noyes D.), Miss Lillian M. Bassett, Mrs. Edith Hallock Gardner (Robert S.), Mrs. Louise Alling Beardsley (George L.), Miss Carrie Alling, Mrs. Susie Alling Baldwin (Charles T.), Mrs. M. Estelle Benham (Frederic), Mrs. Annie Massey Morse (N. T.).

Regents

1893-1896. Mrs. Nancy O. Phillips, Organizing Regent. When the Chapter had been organized a year and the membership had grown to about fifty, Mrs. Phillips proposed that a historical and genealogical library be started by each member contributing one or more books. Several years later, when the Public Library came into existence, the Chapter had one thousand volumes, many rare and costly, to contribute to the Reference Room, and that collection has yearly increased and become one of the splendid assets of the Library. The Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter had the honor of being the first Chapter in the State

to start a historical and genealogical library.

1896-1898. Mrs. Jennie B. Sawyer. Under Mrs. Sawyer's Regency the task of copying and preserving the first volume of Derby's Old Town Records, which had become so torn and fragile it could not be taken from the vault for consultation, was undertaken. This work was under the leadership of Mrs. Phillips, Honorary Regent, who personally copied the greater part, requiring many months of exacting labor. Also the records of the First Congregational Church from 1736 to 1780, which had been kept by the Rev. Daniel Humphreys, were copied and added as an appendix to the Old Derby Records. Our Country having gone to war with Spain, war relief work was actively carried on.

1898-1900. Mrs. Charles H. Pinney. The outstanding feature of this administration was the restoration of the Old Town Burying Ground, where lie soldiers of the Revolution and those who lived here during Colonial days. This cemetery, which had become a sandy, desolate waste, was transformed, to which Mrs. Pinney gave unsparingly of her time, her interest and herself. Until a few years ago, when a legacy was left for the upkeep, the care of the cemetery was maintained

by the Chapter.

1900-1902. Mrs. James R. Mason. The Old Town Records were printed

and placed on sale.

1902-1904. Mrs. George L. Beardsley. This Chapter joined with the Melicent Porter Chapter of Waterbury in placing a monument on Andrews Mountain, Naugatuck, to mark the old boundary line between Paugassett (now Derby) and Mattatuck (now Waterbury). The work of restoration of the cemetery, which included rebuilding the wall and the locating and marking forty-two Revolutionary soldier's graves, was completed.

soldier's graves, was completed.
1904-1908. Mrs. Frederick A. Perry. 1908-1912. Mrs. William H. Williams.
During these administrations, although there were no outstanding features, the
Chapter gradually increased its scope of work and fulfilled all its obligations that

were asked of it by the National and State organizations.

1912-1916. Mrs. Noyes D. Baldwin. Mrs. Baldwin's record of achievement was not confined to any one administration. A charter member, who from the first, has continuously given efficient service. The work of locating and marking historical spots was undertaken under her leadership. The sites of two old Indian forts were marked by boulders, one to mark the site of the first Indian fort, built prior to the coming of the white man, to protect themselves against attacks of other warring tribes, the other marks the site of an Indian fort built on the banks of the Housatonic River to prevent the white man from coming up the river. Also markers were erected to mark "Ye New Haven Path Ye Path which leadeth to Woodbury," which later became the Old Post Road between Albany and New Haven.

1916-1920. Miss Ruth A. Downs. The work of marking historical spots was continued, a boulder was placed on the Housatonic banks to mark the site of another Indian fort, also site of the first Trading Post, which in 1642 was located on a point of land between the Naugatuck and Housatonic Rivers, this being the first land purchased from the Indians by the white man in this locality.

The work of copying inscriptions on old grave stones, some of which were almost effaced, and making a chart of the Old Cemetery was begun. The one absorbing activity during this administration was War Relief Work. Members from this Chapter organized the first Red Cross Chapter, and worked untiringly

to respond to the many calls that came through National Red Cross and the various channels of our National Society.

1920-1926. Miss Katharine Arnold Nettleton. Partly due to a stimulated patriotic interest following the Great War, but more largely to the leadership of Miss Nettleton, the Chapter's membership has grown very perceptibly. The Chapter, always true to the high standards established by its early leaders, expanded along many lines, especially in Patriotic Education. One outstanding feature was the publishing of a book, "Memories of Old Derby," a collection of papers relating to local history and people, written by the late Albert W. Sherwood, formerly of Derby.

1926. Mrs. Charles N. Downs. Under the leadership of Mrs. Downs, the Chapter is maintaining its record of accomplishment along all patriotic lines. It is with a deep sense of the honor that comes to few Chapters, that the Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter feels that it has given a service that cannot be measured by facts, not only to the State but to the National Society, when her efficient daughter, Miss Katharine Arnold Nettleton, became State Regent of Connecticut.

A collection of relics and old treasured possessions of the past was started by Miss Jane Shelton, the Chapter's first Secretary, and has grown with the years showing the evident increasing appreciation for treasures of past history. Preserved in a case in a section of the Chapter's home, the historical collection, as well as the fine Reference Library, are features of the Chapter's work of which it can be proud.

RUTH A. DOWNS, Historian.

SARAH ROGERS CHAPTER

Naugatuck

Organized October 21, 1910 No. 49

Members 84

Meets first Friday in October, November, December, February, April, May and June.

The Sarah Rogers Chapter of Naugatuck, Conn., was organized October, 1910 with a membership of 101, Mrs. Amos Culver as organizing Regent.

Sarah Rogers has always met all of its National and State obligations. Through our seventeen years we have contributed funds toward scholarships at Maryville College, Boys' School at Suffield, the American Indian Institute of Wichita, Kansas; Tamassee School, South Carolina; Mt. Berry School, Ga. Also to memorials, among them are the Harding Memorial, also Mrs. Sara T. Kinney.

Through the World War we gave loyal support to the Red Cross. We have sent boxes to Ellis Island. We are co-operating with the Americanization work and have held parties for the night school pupils at the Christmas season.

For a great many years we have offered in June a first and second prize for the best essay on Colonial subjects. Our prizes are gold coins. Our Chapter has been quite active in work of social and financial end. Silver teas, lectures, concerts, card parties, rummage sales and food sales. We have purchased two Memorial Chairs to be placed in Constitution Hall. One for Mrs. Amos Culver, our organizing Regent, and the other for Mrs. Franklin Bristol. Both have passed away in the last year.

The following are Regents in order of service: Mrs. Amos Culver, October, 1910 to June, 1913. Mrs. Franklin Bristol, June, 1913 to June, 1915. Mrs. Louis A. Carpenter, June, 1915 to May, 1917, died in office. Mrs. Amos Culver, June, 1917 to June, 1918. Mrs. George Young, June, 1918 to June, 1919. Mrs. Amos Culver, June, 1918 to June, 1920. Mrs. B. N. Wilmot, June, 1920 to June, 1922. Mrs. Franklin Bristol, June, 1922 to June, 1924. Mrs. Tracy North, June, 1924 to June, 1927. Mrs. H. A. Dalby, June, 1927.

Sarah Rogers, Chapter Heroine

Sarah Rogers, our Chapter heroine, was the daughter of Josiah and Martha Rogers, born November 22, 1756. She was the first of a family of ten. The

Rogers were descendants of Thomas Rogers who came over in the Mayflower. Josiah Rogers settled in the part of Mattatuck now known as Wolcott, but at first bore the name of Farmingbury.

Sarah Rogers married Josiah Atkins, January 31, 1779, at the age of 23 years. A daughter was born to them November 30, 1780, named Sarah. The



Mrs. Amos Culver Organizing Regent



Mrs. Franklin Bristol

following year Josiah left home to join the army at the Highlands in the State of New York. He died the following year of disease contracted from privation and hardships he endured. He died at the hospital near Williamsburg, Va., October 26, 1781. There was a son born to Sarah Rogers Atkins on September 15, 1781, whom she named for his father. This was about one month before the death of Josiah Atkins and doubtless he never knew of his birth. Josiah Atkins left some property for her support for it is recorded on the town records that she paid taxes at least for two years. She did much to support herself and children by work at her loom. She also received a pension. We are told that she performed substantial service to the sick in her community.

On June 10, 1790, Sarah Rogers Atkins was married to Mr. Amos Culver of Salem, now Naugatuck. He was a widower with seven children. Mr. Culver brought his wife to the home he had built in the southern part of the town of Salem where he had lived with his former wife until her death. This place is still standing and is known as the Culver Place. Mr. Culver was also a Revolutionary soldier. She had three children. Sarah Rogers Culver was mother and step-mother to twelve children and lived until her death at the Culver Place. She

died May 1, 1845, aged 89 years.

We had at the time of the organization of Sarah Rogers Chapter, D. A. R., a real granddaughter, a Mrs. Camp, who died in 1912. At the present time we have two great granddaughters of Sarah Rogers Atkins Culver. Mrs. Sarah (Culver) Rumney and Mrs. Fannie (Culver) Wood, and they have the added distinction of having been born on the same farm where Sarah Rogers Culver lived.

These facts I have taken from a paper of Mrs. Eli C. Barnum, written December 19, 1910.

Mrs. Barnum's home was located near the old Culver Place and she had many childhood recollections of the place. Mrs. Eli Barnum passed away July 2, 1926, at the age of 79 years. She was a charter member of Sarah Rogers Chapter.

Mrs. Amos Culver, organizing Regent of Sarah Rogers Chapter, D. A. R., of Naugatuck, Conn. She held the office of Regent from October, 1910 to June, 1913. Her second term of office was from June, 1917 to June, 1918, and another year from June, 1919 to June, 1920. Mrs. Culver was born in Oxford, Conn., and always lived in this locality. Her maiden name was Julia Church. Mrs. Culver died October 28, 1925. Sarah Rogers Chapter has purchased a memorial chair to be placed in Constitution Hall for Mrs. Culver.

Mrs. Franklin Bristol was the second Regent of Sarah Rogers Chapter, D. A. R. of Naugatuck, Conn. She held the office as Regent from June, 1913 to June, 1915, and from June, 1922 to June, 1924. Mrs. Bristol was born in Bridgeport, Conn. Her maiden name was Cora Russell. Mrs. Bristol died

October 26, 1925. Sarah Rogers Chapter has purchased a memorial chair to

be placed in Constitution Hall for Mrs. Bristol.

Charter members, 1910: Mrs. Mary E. Abbott, Mrs. Achsah P. Adams, Mrs. George W. Andrew, Mrs. Millicent B. Baldwin, Mrs. Eli C. Barnum, Mrs. Frederick W. Barnum, Mrs. Frank T. Birdsall, Mrs. Cora R. Bristol, Mrs. Thomas J. Bowen, Mrs. George A. Brooks, Mrs. Walter E. Brown, Miss Miriam P. Brown, Mrs. Cornelia B. Camp, Mrs. Louise A. Carpenter, Mrs. Horatio Clark, Miss Maud Clark, Mrs. Miles Clark, Mrs. Ellen N. Crampton, Mrs. Amos Culver, Mrs. Caroline Culver, Mrs. H. G. Denniston, Mrs. William H. Dove, Mrs. J. U. Ferris, Mrs. Jane H. Gibbud, Mrs. William G. Hard, Miss Irma Hard, Mrs. Andrew L. Hine, Miss Ella Hitchcock, Mrs. Charles Hoadley, Miss Ellen L. Hoadley, Mrs. A. E. Holaday, Mrs. Warren Hotchkiss, Miss Mabel Hotchkiss, Miss Ruth Hotchkiss, Mrs. Frank Hubbell, Mrs. Charles F. Hungerford, Mrs. Harry S. Hyde, Mrs. Arthur E. Jones, Mrs. Frederick J. Keeling, Mrs. Jacob Keeling, Mrs. Charles F. Lander, Miss Jennie F. Lewis, Mrs. E. E. Malpass, Mrs. A. E. May, Miss Pauline May, Mrs. William H. Miller, Mrs. William H. Miner, Mrs. George Myers, Mrs. Charles Myers, Mrs. Tracy W. North, Mrs. John M. Page, Mrs. Frank Palmer, Mrs. James W. Robbins, Mrs. Marion H. Robey, Mrs. John E. Rollinson, Mrs. Frederick B. Rollinson, Miss Elizabeth Rollinson, Miss Addie A. Rollinson, Miss Florence B. Rollinson, Mrs. George M. Rumney, Mrs. John M. Russell, Mrs. Frederick Sanford, Mrs. Charles Sanford, Mrs. Anson Sanford, Mrs. Frederick F. Schaffer, Miss Winnibel Schaffer, Miss Dorothy A. Schaffer, Mrs. Ella F. Shandrew, Miss Hazel Shandrew, Mrs. William Shepard, Mrs. Charles P. Slade, Mrs. Jennie M. Smith, Miss Sarah Smith, Miss Agnes Smith, Mrs. Jennie Splitstone, Miss Florence Splitstone, Mrs. Isabel B. Spring, Mrs. Arthur Squire, Mrs. Eveline Terrill, Mrs. Watson L. Thomas, Miss Emma F. Tolles, Miss Olive M. Tuttle, Mrs. Cora H. Twitchell, Mrs. M. Parker Twitchell, Miss Jane G. Twitchell, Jessie R. Twitchell, Mrs. Charles J. Wallace, Mrs. Burton R. Ward, Mrs. Fannie S. Ward, Miss Helen E. Ward, Mrs. Alice L. Warner, Mrs. William H. Watson, Mrs. Joel Webster, Mrs. Sadie E. Wheeler, Mrs. Harris Whittemore, Mrs. George T. Wigmore, Miss Fannie Williams, Mrs. Noyes S. Wilmot, Mrs. Benneville Wilmot, Mrs. George Wood, Mrs. George Young.

KATHERINE C. WOOD, Chapter Historian.

SARAH WHITMAN HOOKER CHAPTER

West Hartford

Organized January 27, 1906 No. 47 Members 153

Meets fourth Friday in each month, October to May, inclusive.

Through the interest and efforts of Mrs. J. C. Paulison, on December 1, 1905, thirty ladies interested in organizing a D. A. R. Chapter gathered in the Gray Stone Church parlors in West Hartford, with Mrs. L. M. Hodgdon chosen as chairman pro-tem. Miss Sarah Whitman Talcott gave facts concerning Thomas Hart Hooker and his wife, Sarah Whitman Hooker. Mrs. Hooker, born in West Hartford, February 27, 1747, was the daughter of Deacon John and Abigail Pantry Whitman, and was a descendant of William Pantry, one of the founders of Hartford. She was a great granddaughter of the Rev. Solomon Stoddard, the first librarian of Harvard College.

At the age of twenty-two she married Thomas Hart Hooker of Farmington, who was fourth in direct line of descent from the Rev. Thomas Hooker, the first settled clergyman in Hartford, and one of the framers of the Connecticut Consti-

tution on which the Constitution of the United States was modelled.

Aroused by the Battle of Lexington, Thomas Hart Hooker was one of the first to enlist, he joined the Revolutionary Army near Boston, where he served

a few months, was taken sick and died.

In the spring of 1773 Mr. Hooker had bought in West Hartford what has been long known as the "Mills Place," situated on the south side of the street at the top of the Four Mile Hill. It was here Mrs. Hooker lived during the first half of the Revolutionary Period and in this house she, assisted only by her faithful slave Bristol, guarded as prisoners of war three officers of the British army placed there by authority of the General Assembly after the capture of

Fort Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen. This expedition was planned in Hartford and mainly by Hartford County men, and on its return brought to Hartford besides the commandant of the fort and forty-seven private soldiers of the British army, another prisoner, Major Andrew Philip Skene, 6th Dragoons, who was captured at Skenesborough on Lake Champlain. His father, Major, or as he







Mrs. Elizabeth Everett Duffy



Mrs. William P. Barber

was also called, Governor Philip Skene, was soon after sent from Philadelphia to Connecticut, by act of Congress, to be confined under parole under especial supervision of Governor Trumbull. He had been captured on his return from London, armed with a commission appointing him Governor of Ticonderoga, Crown Point and Montreal, with orders to raise a regiment of Canadians to join General Gage against the Americans. Joining his son at Hartford, they escaped to Middletown and when recaptured were both taken on July 26, 1775, to West Hartford to the "very commodious and pleasantly situated house" of Mrs. Hooker.

Major Christopher French, H. B. M. 22nd Regiment, sent by General Washington to Hartford in August of the same year, was at one time quartered here. These officers remained in the family of Mrs. Hooker somewhat less than a year, and when they were removed, as an expression of their appreciation of her kindness they presented her with a ring that is now in the possession of her descendants.

After remaining a widow three years Mrs. Hooker married Captain Seth Collins, and died January 5, 1837, at the advanced age of nearly ninety years. The ladies thereupon, by a rising vote, declared the new Chapter to be named the Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter, D. A. R.

Mrs. J. C. Paulison's name was presented for Regent. On her refusal to serve, Miss Sarah Whitman Talcott's name was presented and she was chosen and presided during the remainder of the meeting, and thus became the first Regent of the Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter, D. A. R.

The second meeting was held December 27, 1905, at 3 P. M. at the Gray Stone Church parlors for the purpose of electing other officers with about thirty ladies present.

The chosen officers were: Vice-Regent, Mrs. J. C. Paulison; Recording Secretary, Miss Addie S. Arnold; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. O. Purinton; Registrar, Miss Mary L. Whitman; Treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Alderson; Historian, Mrs. William P. Barber; Auditor, Mrs. S. V. Engelke; Board of Management, Mrs. James E. Smith, Mrs. Elmer G. Clark, Mrs. Willis M. Flagg.

Charter members: Mrs. Tinney Latimer Alcott, Mrs. Annie Gladding Alderson, Mrs. Harriet Wadsworth Arnold, Miss Addie Sophia Arnold, Mrs. Harrietta Tyler Barber, Mrs. Florence Smith Burnham, Mrs. Mabel Lawrence Clapp, Mrs. Flora Irish Crandall, Mrs. Edna Bailey Cruttenden, Miss Mary Sage Ellsworth, Miss Elizabeth Sophia Elmer, Mrs. Harriet Harrison Engelke, Miss Alice Farnham, Mrs. Caroline Robbins Flagg, Mrs. Carrie Page Flagg, Mrs. Helen Stanley Foot, Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter Forbes, Mrs. Lena Smith Ford, Mrs. Lucia Bishop Griswold, Mrs. Louise Goodwin Blackman, Mrs. Jennie Lord Hodgdon, Mrs. Elizabeth Hubbard Bassette, Mrs. Helen Hubbard O'Connor, Mrs. Caroline Hovey Lines, Mrs. Jane Page Mansfield, Miss Mary Page Mansfield, Mrs. Harriet Sherman Moseley, Miss Elnora Munson Newton, Mrs. Emma Newton Peck, Mrs.

Ethel Griswold Penfield, Mrs. Carrie Brown Purinton, Mrs. Claridel Young Root, Miss Katherine Scarborough, Mrs. Elizabeth Gay Sisson, Miss Mary Alice Sherman, Mrs. Harriet Forbes Smith, Miss Leona Olive Smith, Mrs. Lois Flower Smith, Mrs. Fannie Baker Stanley, Mrs. Rowena Clark Stanley, Miss Eliza Sophia Talcott, Miss Sarah Whitman Talcott, Miss Helen Frances Whiting, Miss Helen Howard Whitman, Miss Kate Esther Whitman, Miss Mary Lucelia Whitman, Mrs. Caroline Sampson Zickler, Mrs. Frances Grant Clark, Mrs. Mattie Moseley Keeney, Mrs. Ina Hurlburt Styles.

To Mrs. Paulison was due the gathering of the charter members to form this new Chapter. Her enthusiasm inspired the ladies to take up this work. Mrs. Paulison gave her untiring services and help to this new organization until her death which occurred October 20, 1908.

Several years previous to the forming of this Chapter a desire to have a memorial in honor of Noah Webster had been brought forth. After many efforts on the part of various groups of people it failed. Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter decided that this would be her work, to materialize this thought in the form of a memorial library to be given to the Town of West Hartford. The ladies enthusiastically took up this thought and a Bazaar was given at the old Town Hall in October, 1906, bringing the Chapter \$242.29, \$200 of which was the nucleus of the library fund, which was deposited in the Farmington Savings Bank.

After much thought and discussion it was decided that the library would be called the Noah Webster Memorial Library. The second contribution to the library fund was \$5 by Mrs. Henry Goddard, great granddaughter of Sarah Whitman Hooker, who at that time lived in the Sarah Whitman Hooker House.

It was at the February meeting that the work of Foreign Born was taken up. A \$2.50 gold piece was offered as a prize for the best essay written on some historical subject to be chosen by the principal of the school.

On May 11th the Chapter assembled at the grave of Sarah Whitman Hooker where the Daughters had a stone placed at the foot of her grave with the inscription "Sarah Whitman Hooker Collins, 1747-1837." The grave of Bristol, her slave, was also decorated that day.

Miss Talcott was elected Regent again, for the term 1907-1908 and also for 1908-1909. During the years 1909-1912, Mrs. James E. Smith served as Regent

of the Chapter.

It was decided at the January, 1911 meeting that the Chapter intended to build an up-to-date, dignified, commodious library building, which it would then request the town to accept, as a free gift from the Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter, D. A. R., to be maintained by the town in a suitable manner as a free public library for the Town of West Hartford. Plans were made for the library

and an architect hired during Mrs. Smith's Regency.

On January 13, 1911, the Chapter met at the home of Mrs. Arnold to celebrate its fifth birthday. Mrs. Smith on behalf of the Chapter presented Miss Sarah Whitman Talcott with a life membership in the National Society D. A. R., and she was also made Honorary Regent of the Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter. At this meeting the State Regent, Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel, Honorary State Regent Mrs. Sara Kinney, and guests from many Chapters of Connecticut were present.

During this time the Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter gave gladly her bit toward Continental Hall in Washington, which was being completed and to all

other State interests taken up by the society.

Mrs. Elizabeth Everett Duffy served as Regent during the terms 1912-1914. During Mrs. Duffy's term of Regency much was done for financing the Noah Webster Library. Many important meetings were held other than the regular monthly meetings for discussion and carrying on the business of this library fund.

The laying of the corner stone of the new Noah Webster Memorial Library took place October 5, 1915 and the following exercises were held: Opening, singing of America; prayer by Rev. T. M. Hodgdon, pastor of the Congregational Church; address of welcome, First Selectman C. A. Sternberg; address, Mrs. F. E. Duffy, Regent of Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter; address, William H. Hall, Superintendent of Schools.

Following the actual laying of the stone Professor C. S. Lane of Hartford

Theological Seminary gave a final address. The exercises closed with the singing of "How Firm a Foundation."

Among those present was a great granddaughter of Noah Webster, Mrs. Grace Hart of Durham, and her mother, Mrs. Fowler, who was a widow of a grandson of Noah Webster; Mrs. Sara Kinney of Hartford, Hon. State Regent,







Mrs. Herbert G. Bissell



Mrs. J. A. Roberts

D. A. R.; Mrs. John L. Buel, State Regent, D. A. R., representatives of the West Hartford Board of Selectmen, members of West Hartford Grange and of Wyllys Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

For the term 1914-1915, Mrs. Caroline Flagg served as Regent.

In 1914 work started for war aid. The ladies met at the church and worked for the great cause, the Chapter furnishing many materials and things to work with. During these past years our Hon. Regent, Miss Sarah Talcott, worked as chairman of the Library Building Committee and brought in through her heartfelt interest many donations. She took charge of the plans for the building.

Mrs. Elizabeth Everett Duffy again resumed Regency for the term 1915-1916. At this time Mrs. Harrietta Tyler Barber went in as Chairman of the Library

Building Committee.

During the terms 1916-1917, and 1918, Mrs. William P. Barber served as Regent. Mrs. Barber continued as Chairman of the Library Building Committee. During her term the Finance Board, Historical Collection Committee, Curator, Hospitality, Music, Red Cross, Lookout and Press Committees were formed. It was during this Regency that the Noah Webster Library Fund was brought to its climax and much work had to be done to manage, obtain money, make plans, bring in unfulfilled pledges and placing the work on a real business basis, and to Mrs. Barber is given credit for building all of these many things in a most efficient manner for the Chapter and the Town of West Hartford.

Mrs. Barber held the following offices: Councillor, National Society, Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America; Vice-President, National Society of New England Women; member, National Society Daughters of the American Colonists; Chairman, National Liberty Bond Committee; Chairman, Constitution Hall Bond Committee; Historian of the Organization, 1906-1910; Vice-Regent, 1915-1916; Chairman, Library Building Committee; State Councillor, 1925-1927; Chairman, Magazine Committee, 1912-1926; member of House Committee,

D. A. R. Congress since 1920.

The dedication of the Noah Webster Memorial Library and its presentation to the town of West Hartford took place Tuesday, February 27, 1917. The dedication was at 3 P. M. and presentation to and acceptance by the town officials at 8 P. M. An invitation had been extended for the afternoon exercises to Honorary State Regent, Honorary Vice-President General Mrs. Sara T. Kinney of Hartford; Vice-President General Mrs. George Maynard Minor of Waterford; State Regent Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel of Litchfield, and State Vice-Regent Mrs. Charles Humphrey Bissell of Southington, all of whom spoke briefly.

Invitations were accepted by State Chapters of D. A. R. and interested citizens. After the speaking there was a reception with State Officers and Regent Mrs. William P. Barber as a reception committee. The afternoon dedication

was entirely by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

At the evening session at eight o'clock the Library was formally presented to the town of West Hartford on behalf of the Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter by the Regent, Mrs. William P. Barber and the turning over of the deed and keys to the First Selectman, A. Carl Sternberg, in which she reviewed briefly the work of the Chapter for seven years. The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. Thomas M. Hodgdon.

At the close of the exercises a public reception was tendered to the townspeople and an opportunity given to inspect the new building, the total expense

of which was \$30,335.

The Red Cross Chapter which had been established by Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Roy D. Bassette during the Mexican Border War, under the auspices of the Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter, D. A. R., had been continued and was transferred to the Noah Webster Memorial Library at its completion and the Red Cross work was continued by the Chapter for the ensuing two years during the war and then taken over by the Town of West Hartford.

The first meeting held in the Noah Webster Library was January 26, 1917. At this meeting Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel, State Regent, was present and was the

speaker of the afternoon.

Mrs. George A. Kellogg, Regent 1918-1919. Mrs. David I. Green, Regent 1919-1920.

Mrs. Herbert G. Bissell served as Regent 1920-1923.

In November, 1922, it was the desire of the Revolutionary Committee to place a Boulder to mark the resting place of the French and American soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War. A granite Boulder with the inscription: "In memory of French soldiers who died in West Hartford during the Revolutionary War. Erected by the D. A. R. 1923." It was voted that the Chapter

place such a memorial.

On May 25, 1923, the dedication of the Boulder took place at the Ancient Burial Ground, where many of our own Revolutionary soldiers are resting. The program of the occasion was as follows: Prayer, Professor Charles Lane; unveiling, Anne Harrison Pember, small granddaughter of Mrs. Herbert Bissell; placing of wreath, Mrs. Ralph W. E. Alcott; history, Miss Sarah Whitman Talcott, Honorary Regent, written by Miss Mary Whitman; reading, letter of Ambassador Jusserand, by Mrs. Herbert Bissell, Regent; poem, "Cover them with beautiful Miss Charlotte Denniston; singing, America; benediction, Professor Charles L. Lane.

Mrs. Bertha Phelps served as Regent from 1923 to 1926.

During this Regency the Children of the American Revolution was organized under the name of the Patron Saint of the D. A. R., Sarah Whitman Hooker. Also a night school established and all work carried on as outlined by the National and State Societies.

Mrs. J. A. Roberts, Regent from May, 1926 to May 1929. Born October 9, 1874, Jersey City, N. J. Vice-Regent, 1923-1926, member of National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.

The Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter during this time has carried on all lines of work outlined by our President General, Mrs. Alfred Brosseau and the

National Board and our State Regent, Miss Katharine Nettleton.

Our Mountain White Schools have been aided, a scholarship given to the American Industrial College at Springfield each year. Through our Conservation and Thrift Committee trees have been set out and a living Christmas tree offered to the town of West Hartford. On January 27, 1928, we celebrated our 21st birthday with State Officers and Regents from neighboring Chapters as our guests. A tablet has been placed on the home of our Patron Saint, Sarah Whitman Hooker. This home has been purchased, restored, and furnished by our Historian, Mrs. Ralph E. Gerth, and here our October, 1928 Meeting was held. Our State Officers were with us as guests.

History of the Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter of West Hartford, Conn.,

from the date of organization from 1906-1929.

MAUDE CHATFIELD GERTH (MRS. RALPH E.), Historian.

SARAH WHITMAN TRUMBULL CHAPTER

Watertown

Organized October 24, 1904 No. 45

Members 73

Meets second Thursday in each month, except July, August and September.

Sarah Whitman Trumbull Chapter of Watertown, Conn., was named for the daughter of the Rev. Samuel Whitman. She was born March 12, 1718, in Farmington, Conn. She married the Rev. John Trumbull of Watertown, then Westbury, July 4, 1844. Evidently the Chapter took her name because of her somewhat distinguished son, John Trumbull, who wrote many political essays and some poems in Hudibrastic verse. His "Progress of Dullness" in no way belied its name, but his "McFingal," written in 1775, was a satirical poem which aroused the public mind to hatred of oppression and to the love of the new and rapidly spreading cause of independence. It was written for the times and designed rather as a political article than as a finished poem, and when so viewed is worthy of the highest praise. Some of the couplets are well known today and often quoted, such as:

"No man e'er felt the halter draw, With good opinion of the law."

Everest, in his "Poets of Connecticut" says, "It was one of the most acceptable offerings laid upon the altar of liberty." John Trumbull may be classed as the first poet of Revolutionary fame, and a patriot of the highest rank, due without doubt, to the teaching and influence of his mother whose name our Chapter honors and perpetuates.

A meeting was held June 24, 1904, when the business of forming the Chapter was discussed. The Chapter was formally organized, however, October 24, 1904. The State Regent, Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, met twenty charter members at the home of Mrs. John A. Buckingham, the organizing Regent. The charter members are as follows: Anne McLean Buckingham, Edla Ruana Hinman Heminway, Millie C. C. Lewis, Ella Davis Noble, Cornelia B. Hotchkiss, Alice Smith Taylor, Alice Kellogg Mattoon, Julia Havens Heminway, Charlotte Bishop Lewis Heminway, Louisa Bronson Warren, Mary Merriman Abbott, Alma deForest Curtiss Jackson. Agnes deForest Curtiss (Buckingham), Harriette B. Curtiss (Sherwood), Henriette Bassette, Anna Woodward Dayton, Julia Curtiss Variel, Marian Smith Munson, Louisa Chapman Bean, Ella Maria Lockwood.

The following Chapter officers were appointed at the next meeting by Mrs. John A. Buckingham, the Regent: Mrs. Merritt Heminway, Vice-Regent; Miss Cornelia Hotchkiss, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ella Noble, Recording Secretary; Mrs. John Taylor, Treasurer; Mrs. Charles B. Mattoon, Historian; Mrs.

Robert T. Lewis, Registrar.

The Regency of Mrs. Buckingham from October 24, 1904, to June, 1908, was full of interest and showed a steady growth of membership. The Chapter erected a fountain to mark the site of the John Trumbull house. It also placed a bronze tablet on the tree from which the American flag was first unfurled at the close of the War of 1812. The D. A. R. Memorial Fund was established and the Prize Essay Contest was inaugurated in the public school. In 1907 the ''History of Ancient Westbury, the Present Watertown, from its settlement to

1907" was published by the young Chapter.

Mrs. E. K. Loveland was elected Regent in June of 1908, but resigned in December of that year. The restoration of the "Old Towne Cemetery" was a project from the beginning of the Chapter, and the practical work of building a suitable stone wall to surround the plot was made possible in August of 1908, when what was termed a "drawing bee" was held by those interested. Every one gave some help to the common cause, and over a hundred loads of stone were hauled. Mrs. Merritt Heminway entertained the workers at luncheon on her beautiful lawn. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. Merritt Heminway, Miss Ella Lockwood, Mrs. William Munson, Mrs. Harry Heminway and Mrs. Fred Camp (then Miss Skinner).

After Mrs. Loveland's resignation in December of 1908, Mrs. Merritt Hemin-

way became Regent until June.

In June of 1909, Miss Ella M. Lockwood was elected to take Mrs. Heminway's place. She held the office until 1916. The work on the cemetery was carried

on and a splendid response to all the patriotic calls of the organization was shown. Mrs. C. B. Mattoon, the first Historian of the Chapter had compiled the list of eighty names of Revolutionary soldiers belonging to Watertown. This list was placed on the bronze tablets on the stone gate-posts of the Old Cemetery. A substantial fund for the upkeep of the same culminated about this time and



Mrs. John A. Buckingham



Mrs. P. B. Randall

was invested. The main event of public interest was the unveiling of the tablet in memory of the Rev. John Trumbull (father of John, the poet) marking the site of the first meeting house in Watertown, then Westbury. This event took place on the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Congregational Church. The Chapter took up Red Cross work during 1916-1917. Thirty-five members joined and the effects of the World War filled out hearts and hands with work.

In June, 1917, Miss Lockwood resigned and Mrs. George A. Decker became Regent. Mrs. Decker continued the Red Cross work with a whole-hearted intensity that showed the most wonderful results. She established headquarters and worked untiringly, pressing each and every one to do her "bit." Relief work became the chief interest. The ex-Regents were all officers in the Red Cross and they saw to it that every private in the ranks did her part to carry out the spirit of '76. The Chapter subscribed for bonds and gave generously to every drive. Nine sons and one daughter of "Daughters" entered the service from Watertown. They were: Harry Ashenden, Harold Beers, Norton Decker, Bartow Heminway, Merritt Heminway, Buel Heminway, Harry Lockwood, Gerald Low, William S. Taylor, Ina Atwood (Mrs. John Bassette).

William Taylor and Harold Beers died of pneumonia while in the service of

the Merchant Marine.

Mrs. Decker's term, 1917-1921 was full of intense striving to meet the issues

of war and reconstruction.

At the annual meeting June 8, 1921. Mrs. P. B. Randall was elected Regent. The gift of valuable papers and books from Mr. Benjamin deForest Curtiss of New York to the Chapter and a gift of \$500 for Chapter use was the means of much interest and some legal work, especially on the part of the Regent, the papers having been sent to Washington through a misinterpretation of the will by Mr. Curtiss's attorney. It took the combined efforts of Mrs. Cook, the National Society's lawyer, and the Regent to induce the zealous lawyer to deliver the legacy to Sarah Whitman Trumbull.

In 1922 a prize of fifty dollars was offered by Mrs. Walter C. Roe of Colony, Oklahoma, for the best essay on "The Twentieth Century Indian, an American," and Sarah Whitman Trumbull was very proud when that prize was awarded at the Continental Congress in Washington to the Regent, Mrs. Randall. After the presentation the President General congratulated Mrs. Randall and also congratulated Connecticut "on having so talented a Daughter." This prize money

was contributed to Mrs. Roe for her work among the Indians.

During her Regency Mrs. Randall substituted at the State Meeting one year for Miss Meade, the chairman of the Resolutions Committee and the following year was appointed chairman of the same committee. The much-needed change in our by-laws in regard to Chapter dues was accomplished at this time.

In June, 1926, Mrs. Randall was succeeded by Mrs. John Reardon as Regent.

Mrs. Reardon has met many emergencies with good judgment and ability.

The restoration and upkeep of our Revolutionary Cemetery is still a large part of our Chapter work and requires more supervision as time goes on. The work of our Chapter has, however, enlisted the interest of others and the Old Towne Cemetery has become a beautiful and lasting memorial to the men and women of Revolutionary days. Evergreen trees, shrubs and vines have been planted, the over-grown area in the rear has been graded and planted with grass and hedges, and the head stones have been re-set.

SARAH WILLIAMS DANIELSON CHAPTER

Killingly

Organized February 10, 1900 No. 43

Members 76

Meets third Thursday in each month, except July and August.

When a search began for a name for the Killingly Chapter, the name of Sarah Williams Danielson seemed one which it would be an honor to bear. The name Danielson is closely associated with the town, as James Danielson, the grandfather of Colonel William Danielson, and husband of Sarah Williams Danielson, was one of Killingly's earliest settlers and from whom the Borough of Danielson received its name. His son William Danielson was of fine physique and great physical strength. He served in the French war, where he received the title of Major and in 1775, when the Lexington alarm rang out through the country, Major Danielson was prompt to respond to the call from Killingly, and went with General Putnam to Boston. In 1776 he served as Lieutenant Colonel with the State troops in Colonel Douglas' regiment. Later in the year, he was promoted to rank of Colonel of the Connecticut militia and during 1777-78-79 he was in active service with the Connecticut militia under General Spencer of Rhode Island. His name appears several times in the records of the General Assembly in connection with changes to be made in list of officers. In civil affairs he was a trusted leader, being three times appointed to General Assembly, 1777-78-79, while he was serving in the Army.

He married Sarah Williams of Pomfret in 1758. She was a descendant of Robert Williams, who came to Roxbury in 1638. Sarah Williams Danielson was the youngest child of William Williams and Sarah Stearns, his wife. She was born in 1737. Being an energetic and vivacious woman and with her husband in active service for twenty years, much responsibility of the family rested upon her shoulders. Five children were born to them, two sons and three daughters.

Only one son, Colonel James Danielson, reached maturity.

After Colonel William Danielson returned from the war he built on the shore of the Quinebaug River the large white house which still stands and is now occupied as a homestead by their direct descendants. Before this they lived in an older house on the same site. Here Mrs. Danielson died in 1809, aged 72 years. With a husband serving his country during two wars and a family of five children to care for, Sarah Williams Danielson showed herself to be a woman most courageous and patriotic.

In recognition of such services, the Chapter organized in her town is proud

to bear the name of Sarah Williams Danielson.

Charter members: Mrs. Ella Sayles Russell (Mrs. Chas. A.), Marinda C. Butler Robinson (Reinzi), F. Myrtella Chase Preston (Mrs. Frank), Elizabeth Sayles Bidwell (Wm.), Mrs. Carrie Williams Bennett (Frank), Mrs. Adabelle Lyon Putnam (Wm.), Mrs. Helen Louise Atwood (J. Arthur), Mrs. Katherine Bates Bennett (Edward), Mrs. Jennie Remington Call (Chas.), Mrs. Annie Bartholomew Chase, Miss Nancy M. Potter, Mrs. Kate B. Nobel Sibley, Miss Emily Frances Briggs, M. D., Mrs. Esmerelda Chase Chapman, Mrs. Sarah Abbott Phillips (Mrs. Chas.), Mrs. Elizabeth Mathews Richardson, Mrs. Charissa Huntington Pike, Miss Elizabeth Hovey Parker.

The Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter was formed through the untiring

effort of Mrs. Ella Sayles Russell.

Mrs. Russell was the wife of Charles Addison Russell, Congressman from the third district of Connecticut for eight terms. A woman of personal charm, and with her experience in political and social life in Washington, D. C., no one could have been better fitted to have organized this Chapter and become our first Regent. The first twenty-five years of the life of this Chapter has been so admirably told in a paper prepared by Mrs. Charissa H. Pike for the celebration of our twenty-fifth anniversary that I am going to quote her paper for our first twenty-five years. (Mrs. Pike was the first person in Killingly to secure membership for the American Red Cross and at the time of compiling this paper was Historian of the Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter.)

Mrs. Pike's paper:

"Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter D. A. R. celebrates today her 25th birthday, and it has seemed proper to me to give a short story of her work and so refresh our memories. Our first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Russell, who was our first Regent. There were 18 charter members of whom five have passed on, seven transferred or resigned, and six remain, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Sibley, Mrs. Bitgood, Mrs. Briggs-Chatfield, Mrs. Bidwell and Mrs. Pike. Our meetings were held at the homes of the members for some time but as we grew in numbers we met in a hall, first the G. A. R. hall and later Wood's hall and the Congregational Church vestry. Our activities have been varied. One of the first things we did was to place framed portraits of Washington in five of our schools, Danielson, Dayville, Williamsville, Wauregan. Twice we gave prizes to the schools for essays on historical subjects, with an open meeting when the essays were read and prizes presented. We have given the Geographical Magazine to some remote schools where they have been much enjoyed.

Early in our history we appropriated \$50 for historic books on Colonial times and furnishings, history of the flag, and these were placed in the Bugbee Memorial Library. We have also placed in the reference room there, a complete set of the D. A. R. lineage books, which have been substantially bound at a considerable expense. We have sent money and gifts to the County Home for Children at Christmas and helped to entertain Tribune Fresh Air Children. We rebuilt the wall of the old cemetery at Dayville Four Corners, placing iron gates and a stile there at an expense of nearly \$200. Markers have been placed on the graves of 30 Revolutionary soldiers. We give each year \$5 to the G. A. R. for

flags on Memorial Day.

We have never forgotten Miss Margaret Henry who told us in her charming way of the work for mountaineers at Nashville College, Tenn. We still give to

that institution as we are able.

Suffield Academy and the International College at Springfield have been helped. We have \$100 toward building Windham House at Connecticut College, \$50 toward a nurse's home at the Day Kimball Hospital at Putnam, \$50 to the Anne Warner Bailey Chapter for the Monument House at Groton. When the Ellsworth Memorial Home was furnished we gave a large flag as our donation. The Memorial Continental Hall was built in our day and it was our pleasure to send to Mrs. Kinney each year as large a contribution as possible, so that when contributions were called for she could make a proud showing for Connecticut. We gave also to all the specials, the Memorial Column, bronze doors, Connecticut room and later days towards specials of various kinds. During the war our members were first to join the National Red Cross and we bought Liberty Bonds to the limit of our ability. We still hold three \$100 bonds. We gave \$65 to the Belgian Relief Fund, \$68 to the Hoover Fund for Starving Children. Our quota toward the \$100,000 Liberty Bonds for the National Society, the Plymouth Memorial to the Pilgrim Mothers, the painting for France, the Tilloloy Water Works, pew in the Paris Cathedral, Ellis Island, has been paid and numbers of small amounts given. We have given and also received.

Two gavels have been given us, one from Honorable Charles A. Russell, made from wood taken from the Jonathan Trumbull House at Lebanon, the other from Miss Kate Danielson from wood taken from the Danielson homestead, the home of her ancestor, Sarah Williams Danielson. Our flag was the gift of one set of hostesses. I think they served very simple refreshments on that day and saved the money for the flag. Our first plates, four dozen of them, were given

by our much loved first Regent and others have followed her example.

We must not forget the Colonial parties given for several years on February Brilliant affairs with George and Martha Washington receiving, ladies in Colonial costume, old time dances, an event looked forward to by young people for miles around. Of course we have had sales, suppers, picnics, and at our regular meetings have been very fortunate in our programs. We have had all sorts of exhibitions, china, glass, shawls and laces.

Last year two trees were planted in Davis Park as memorials to two members lately deceased. The Chapter was assisted in the planting by the children and grandchildren of Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Jacobs, for whom the trees are memorials. In the 25 years we have lost by death 14 members, three of them former Regents, Mrs. F. W. Bennett, Mrs. J. A. Atwood, and Mrs. C. A. Russell.

This is our record. It is for you younger Daughters to report at our 50th

anniversary with large numbers and greater achievements.

Taking up the Chapter history after our twenty-fifth birthday. We have been addressed by such men as Mr. Ernest E. Rogers, at that time Treasurer of the State of Connecticut and President of the Sons of the American Revolution, now Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut; Mr. Robert Deming, of the State Board of Education; Roland H. Patch, of Connecticut Agricultural College; Mr. George S. Godard, State Librarian and President of the Sons of the American Revolution; by Mrs. Frederick P. Latimer on work at Ellis Island; Miss Pardee upon Egypt, and have had many interesting and well written papers by our own members.

Again we have contributed twenty-five dollars to Maryville College and five dollars to International College at Springfield, Mass., bought several acres of forest land, gave twenty-five dollars to the Danielson Red Cross Chapter for Mississippi flood sufferers, sent clothing and money to Vermont after its flood. Through work of our Americanization Committee the night sessions have been resumed in our schools, pins presented for perfect attendance, and our manuals used for readers in school and given to many outside. Helped in purchase of a radio for a southern mountain school. Been entertained by the children of our Chapter with an excellent entertainment of readings and tableaux appropriate for the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Prepared the records of the World War soldiers whose mothers belonged to our Chapter; made pilgrimages to Lebanon, Norwich and Groton, Conn. Entertained and been entertained by our neighbor Chapters at Plainfield and Putnam, Conn., lunched with the Anne Wood Elderkin Chapter of Willimantic at Mortlake Manor, Brooklyn, Conn., entertained Honorary President General Mrs. George Minor, Vice-President General Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel, our State Regents, Mrs. Charles Humphrey Bissell and Miss Katharine A. Nettleton and State Vice-Regent Miss Emeline Street. Have met every quota asked by National and State Societies.

We have placed 97 lineage books and two indexes and all now published will

soon be added to our library.

Killingly has the largest number of cemeteries of any town in the State of Connecticut, 67 burial places. The entire records of 59 cemeteries have been copied, typed and checked through the very great work of Mrs. William K. Pike and her assistants. We consider this the outstanding work for the last three years.

In closing I wish to pay tribute to each Regent of our Chapter for their faithfulness in performing the many duties placed upon them while in office. At the time of some Regencies, the needs of our country called for greater activity than others, but by members and Regents working together in harmony, we have

successfully accomplished this work.

Organizing Regent, 1900-1903. Mrs. Ella Frances Sayles Russell was born in Killingly, Conn., March 13, 1855, a daughter of Sabin S. and Deborah Ann Mitchell Sayles. She was educated in the schools of the town and at the Oread Castle School in Worcester, Mass. In 1880 she was united in marriage with Charles Addison Russell of Worcester, Mass., who died October 23, 1902. Mr. Russell served as Congressman for the third district of Connecticut for eight terms with distinction and ability. There were two children, Sabin Sayles Russell and Deborah Russell Atwood. Mrs. Russell died on April 17, 1924, in Killingly, Connecticut.

Second Regent, 1903-1905. Mrs. Helen Louise Atwood, born in Plainfield. Conn., daughter of Philip Mathewson and his wife, Helen Walcott Fermer, married James Arthur Atwood of Wauregan, Conn., December 11, 1888, died November 12, 1917. Children, John Arthur Atwood, Jr., born May 5, 1890, deceased. Dorothy Atwood, born March 27, 1893. Brig. Gen. William West of Rhode Island. Mrs. Atwood was a descendant of

Third Regent, 1905-1907. Mrs. Myrtella Chase Preston, born August 9, 1864, daughter of William A. Chase, born in Killingly, 1831, and his wife, Amanda M. Fuller, graduate of Killingly High School. Married Frank T. Preston of Danielson, Conn., October 14, 1885. Children, Florence Chase, born December 13, 1886; Raymond Abner, born December 20, 1892; Rachael Fuller, born March 16, 1894. Mrs. Preston's father served in the Civil War.

Fourth Regent, 1907-1909. Elizabeth Sayles Bidwell, was born in Killingly, Conn., on June 6, 1853, daughter of Sabin L. Sayles and Deborah Ann Mitchell, graduated at the Oread Castle School in Worcester, Mass. Married to William F. Bidwell of Norwich, Conn., who died May, 1917. No children. Filled all the chairs of the D. A. R. and at present is Honorary Regent of Sarah Williams

Danielson Chapter of Killingly, Conn.

Fifth Regent, 1909-1911. Marion Danielson Chollar, born in Danielson, Conn., on August 14, 1868. Parents, William Henry Chollar, Mary Roath Danielson. Educated Killingly High School and Mt. Holyoke College. Occupation, teacher of Latin, History and English in Killingly High School. Offices in D. A. R., Historian, Corresponding Secretary, Vice-Regent. Life member.

Sixth Regent, 1911-1913. Mrs. Carrie Williams Bennett, born in Killingly, daughter of Asa Williams and his wife Ellen Williams of Killingly, married Frank W. Bennett of Killingly, May 20, 1885, died August, 1920. Children, Ruth, born August 2, 1890; Wayland W., born December 2, 1891; Merrill Kelley, born

February 13, 1897. Descendant of Squire Williams of Rhode Island. Seventh Regent, 1913-1915. Harriet Ayer Kingsbury, born in Killingly, December 13, 1864, daughter of Joseph Curtis Ayer, born in Stonington, April 3, 1832, and Eliza Frances Danielson, born in Brooklyn, May 29, 1837. Married June, 1892, Charles Kingsbury. Children of Harriet Kingsbury: Paul C. Kingsbury, born in Burlington, Vermont, May 24, 1898; Floyd Lee Kingsbury, born in Oxford, Mass., April 30, 1901. A direct descendant of James Danielson. Harriet Kingsbury is a life member of the D. A. R., has been Historian, Corres-

ponding Secretary and Treasurer.

Eighth Regent, 1915-1917. Charissa Huntington Barrows Pike, born June 1, 1849. Married George Albert Pike, M. D., September 9, 1874. He died November 8, 1892, at Bristol, R. I. She was the daughter of Fayette Barrows and Sarah Huntington Reynolds, both natives of Mansfield, Conn. Fayette Barrows was a descendant of Robert Barrows, one of the first settlers of Mansfield. Sarah H. Reynolds was of the Rhode Island family that came to that state in 1637. Both are descendants of two of the founders of Norwich, Conn., Simeon Huntington and Deacon Thomas Adgate. Mrs. Pike is a charter member of the Chapter and served as Recording Secretary, Registrar, Historian and Vice-Regent before becoming Regent.

Ninth Regent, 1917-1919. Minnie M. Davis (Warren) Milligan, daughter of George R. and Betsey S. (Warren) Davis, born December 7, 1874. Education Killingly High School. Vice-Regent, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary.

1928 appointed Connecticut State Councillor.

Tenth Regent, 1919-1921. Mrs. Ella Hutchins Back, born in Danielson, Conn., August 1, 1869, daughter of Dr. Samuel Hutchins and Ellen M. Weatherhead Hutchins of Danielson, Conn. Graduate of Killingly High School. Married

Harry E. Back, January 8, 1901. Children, Samuel Hutchins Back and Harry Eugene Back, Jr. Offices, Recording Secretary, Vice-Regent.

Eleventh Regent, 1921-1923. Lucy Franklin Crosby, born December 12, 1867, in Brooklyn, daughter of Vine Robinson Franklin, born January 2, 1843, in Hampton, Conn., and his wife, Josephine Main, born 1848 in Hampton, married November 21, 1866, died 1926 in Danielson, Conn. Married December 20, 1893, Henry Dexter Crosby, born 1864 in Brooklyn (April 8th). Franklin Dexter Crosby, born October 17, 1904, in Brooklyn; John Franklin Crosby, born July 30, 1908, in Brooklyn. Vice-Regent.

Twelfth Regent, 1923-1925. Bernice Stiness Cogswell, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Shumway Cogswell. Born in Dayville, Killingly, December 25, 1875. Educated in Killingly schools and Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass. Has been Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary twice, Treasurer and Vice-Regent. Thirteenth Regent, 1925-1927. Mrs. Clara E. Keach, born in Providence, 1863. Father, Luther Roxford Lewis, mother, Phebe Ann Jones (Lewis) his wife. Married in 1892, Edwin Henry Keach of Danielson, Conn. No children.

Fourteenth Regent, 1927-1929. Lena Frances Curtis Tripp, father's name, Rufus D. Curtis, veteran of the Civil War; mother, Lydia Ann Phillips Curtis. Married George H. Tripp. Children, Lucy Estelle Tripp, Lena Phillips Tripp. Educated in Killingly High School and matriculated at Mt. Holyoke. Offices held in Chapter, Recording Secretary, 1921-1923; Vice-Regent, 1925-1927.

AMELIA B. HUTCHINS, Historian.

SIBBIL DWIGHT KENT CHAPTER

Suffield and Windsor Locks

Organized June 10, 1896

No. 33

Members 88

Meets second Thursday in each month.

Sibbil Dwight Kent Chapter, was organized at "Aldenheim," the home of Mrs. Sarah Leonard Pease Fuller under the direction of Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, State Regent, with thirty charter members from Suffield and Windsor Locks, including two Real Daughters, Mrs. Anna Hale Burnap Pierce and Mrs. Mary Burns Woodworth. Miss Helen L. Archer was the first Regent, Mrs. Emily Wadsworth Schwartz, Vice-Regent; Miss Emily L. Norton, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Emma L. Newton, Registrar; Miss Helen M. King, Historian.

The charter with thirty names including the names of two Real Daughters engrossed thereon, a picture of the early home of Sibbil Dwight Kent engraved in sepia on the mat, and the frame of wood made from a door taken from her home, was presented to the Chapter June 29, 1897. Invitations were issued to Regents and officers of every Chapter in the State to be present on this occasion. Sixty-five delegates from out of town registered their names at the Connecticut Literary Institution where luncheon was served to one hundred and two ladies.

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The Daughters then visited the grave of Sibbil placing flowers thereon, it being the seventy-fifth anniversary of her death, from thence they convened in the Second Baptist Church which had been elaborately decorated. The exercises

were beautiful and complete in every detail.

The work of the Chapter has been in locating and marking the graves of Revolutionary soldiers throughout the cown; restoring the old cemetery in the center of the town, where lie many of the founders of this great Republic; the setting of trees along the highway near this burial place and the raising of a fund to insure its perpetual care. In 1903 a large boulder with bronze tablet suitably inscribed was placed in the Park to mark the site of the first Meeting House.

The Chapter has passed through two wars, the Spanish-American and the World War; in both, raising money and making garments of all kinds to help

the soldiers.

The study of the history of our country and patriotism have been encouraged by the giving of prizes for essays on these subjects in the public schools of Windsor Locks and Suffield. From the organization of the Chapter many scholarships have been given for the education of worthy youths in schools in the South and West, in the Connecticut Literary Institution and the American International College. For twenty years or more the Chapter gave the annual Memorial Day dinner to Civil War veterans, but it was given up as one by one the old soldiers passed away.

A meeting was held August 5, 1896, at the home of the Regent, Miss Helen L. Archer, to decide upon a name for the Chapter. Sibbil Dwight Kent was the

name chosen.

Sibbil Dwight Kent was born October 4, 1744. She was a daughter of Colonel Simeon Dwight and Sibbil Dwight (daughter of Captain Samuel Dwight). Sibbil was the oldest of a family of thirteen children and was in direct descent from John Dwight, who came from Dedham, England, in 1634. He settled in Watertown, Mass., and later removed to Dedham, Mass., in 1636, and was one of the founders of the Church of Christ gathered there in 1638 for the first time. Sibbil's father was a prominent and influential man of Western, now Warren, Mass., serving in many important and responsible offices. At the time of his

death he was High Sheriff of Worcester County, Mass. Sibbil's father built the house, her early home, which is rendered historic by George Washington making it his headquarters.

She was married to Major Elihu Kent of Suffield, Conn., February 2, 1774. He was a son of Samuel Kent of Suffield and Abiah Dwight, daughter of Nathaniel Dwight of Northampton, Mass. Sibbil Dwight was his third wife, his second cousin and Abiah Dwight, his mother, was her great-aunt.

Major Kent was a true patriot. When news came of the battle of Lexington, he raised a company of ninety-four men within twenty-four hours, placed himself in command and marched with them to Boston.

Major Elihu Kent died February 12, 1814, aged 81. Sibbil Dwight Kent died July 9, 1822, aged 77. Their graves are in the old cemetery, Suffield Center, marked by a tombstone with both inscriptions upon it, dates of their death and ages.

Miss Helen Lavinia Archer, the first Regent of Sibbil Dwight Kent Chapter, was born in Suffield, Conn. She was a daughter of the late Thomas Archer and the youngest of a family of nine children. Miss Archer was a woman of brilliant attainments, a leader of ability and devoted to the patriotic principles represented by our Society. She died September 10, 1897.

Upon the death of the first Regent, Miss Helen L. Archer, the Vice-Regent, Mrs. Emily Wadsworth Schwartz was appointed Regent to fill the unexpired term and on June 7, 1898 was duly elected Regent. Mrs. Schwartz was born in Chicago, Ill., 1856, a daughter of Phillip Wadsworth and Georgianna Loomis Wadsworth. She inherited true patriot blood through her father's and mother's ancestors. She resigned in 1899 and died February 26, 1902.

Mrs. Mary L. Reed Goodale, a charter member of Sibbil Dwight Kent Chapter, was born at Shrewsbury, Mass., September 10, 1851, the only daughter of Henry and Frances Ellen (Bliss) Reed. Her ancestors on all sides were among the earliest members of the Massachusetts colonies and embraced all degrees of patriotic service from General, Captain, Lieutenant, Drummer and privates, so that Mrs. Goodale is wearing eight bars on her D. A. R. insignia pin. She also has in her possession the commission given to one of her ancestors from King George in 1767 as an officer in his Majesty's Colonial Regiment in New England. Later he was General in the Revolutionary army. In the State and Chapter activities, she has held many offices. This includes three terms as Regent, June, 1899-1900, June, 1902-1903, June, 1917-1922. This last term was a great honor to hold as it included the most of our World War work and its service for our soldiers. During the first term a commemorative boulder was placed on the site of the first Meeting House in Suffield, Conn. It was her privilege to serve our State as the first "International Relations" chairman for three years. During an extended stay in California she was instrumental in organizing the San Antonio Chapter in Ontario of that State. She also did quite a bit of work in establishing records which have brought a number of active members into our Chapter.

Mrs. Frances Brown Montgomery served two terms from June, 1900-1902, June, 1906-1908. She was born in Cheshire, Mass., September 20, 1863, daughter of John B. Wells. Mrs. Montgomery possessed high intellectual attainments and a most admirable character. She was skillful as an organizer and held the esteem of all who knew her through her many activities. She was a charter

member. She died December 29, 1914.

Mrs. Sarah Leonard Pease Fuller, Regent 1903-1906, was born February 1, 1844, a daughter of Don and Susan (Alden) Pease. She was a direct descendant of John Alden, and of the fourth generation living in the same house, "Aldenheim," which was built in 1792 and where, through the efforts and patriotism of Mrs. Fuller, Sibbil Dwight Kent Chapter was organized and with two exceptions, our annual meetings have been held there. Mrs. Fuller served a term of years as Regent and also held many offices in the Chapter. She was married to Mr. Edward A. Fuller, September 24, 1862. The couple celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary in 1912. Mrs. Fuller died March 28, 1924. This Chapter has placed a chair in Constitution Hall in memory of Mrs. Fuller.

Miss Emma L. Newton was Regent, June 1908-1917.

Mrs. Clara Spencer Bissell was Regent from June, 1922-1924.

Mrs. Hattie Herrick Brockett, Regent, June 12, 1924-1926.

Mrs. Elizabeth Willard Hope, the present Regent (Mrs. Arthur H.), is serving her second term as Regent of Sibbil Dwight Kent Chapter. She is a graduate of Oberlin College (A. B. 1903), a minister's daughter and the wife of a minister. Ministers, soldiers and founders are numerous in her genealogical line. Among the latter are Major Simon Willard, Governor George Wyllys and William Pynchon. She has four Mayflower ancestors and eleven who were soldiers or recognized patriots during the Revolutionary War. She joined the D. A. R. as a descendant of Captain John Haven. Mrs. Hope is a newcomer in Suffield and the Regency is her first office held here, but in other New England towns she has served as Chapter Secretary.

Term of Regents: Miss Helen L. Archer, 1896-1897; Mrs. Emily W. Schwartz, 1897-1899; Mrs. Mary R. Goodale, 1899-1900; Mrs. Frances B. Montgomery, 1900-1902; Mrs. Mary R. Goodale, 1902-1903; Mrs. Sarah L. Pease Fuller, 1903-1906; Mrs. Frances B. Montgomery, 1906-1908; Miss Emma L. Newton, 1908-1917; Mrs. Mary R. Goodale, 1917-1922; Mrs. Clara Spencer Bissell, 1922-1924;

Mrs. Hattie H. Brockett, 1924-1926; Mrs. Elizabeth W. Hope, 1926.

(MRS. JOHN) SUSIE POMEROY INGRAHAM, Historian.

STAMFORD CHAPTER

Stamford

Organized December 4, 1894 No. 24

Members 150

Meets third Tuesday in each month from October to June, inclusive.

On December 4, 1894, a little band of women met at the house of Mrs. E. L. Scofield, South Street, to organize a Stamford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They were nine in number: Mrs. H. B. S. Devan, Miss Nellie Hurlbutt, Miss Emma Hurlbutt, Miss Bessie Hurlbutt, Mrs. A. G. Lawton, Miss Hannah Lawton, Mrs. E. L. Scofield, Mrs. Starr, Mrs. N. R. Hart.

Mrs. Devan was elected first Regent.

The first meeting after the organization was held at the home of Miss Nellie Hurlbutt. The Board of Managers at first consisted of officers, until the membership in the Chapter showed increase. Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. D. G. Fessenden, Mrs. E. L. Scofield, and Miss Emma Hurlbutt were appointed a committee to apply for a charter. The Committee found no suitable name for the Chapter among historical women of Stamford and decided to call it after the town of Stamford.

The American Monthly Magazine and Lineage Book were subscribed for in

1895. The Chapter sent an exhibit to Atlanta Exhibition.

The names of the charter members were: Harriet Beecher Scoville Devan, Theodora Davenport, Abbie Green Lawton, Helen Lawton Stowbridge Jones, Hannah Mary Lawton, Mary Adele Hurlbutt Starr, Emma H. Hurlbutt, Elizabeth Ogden Hurlbutt, Cornelia A. Hurlbutt, Mary C. Dickinson Hart, Francesca P. King, Annie Weed Candee Scofield, Anna Lawton Cozzens, Virginia Weed Fessenden, Mary Churchill Taylor Tracy, Mary Rossiter Ritch, Josephine Hoyt, Susie Brooks Miller, Maria Lawry Smith, Grace Cabot Holbrook, Estelle Josephine Hoyt, Katharine Hiller Edwards, Lydia Sanford Vail, Phoebe Hart Vail, Elizabeth H. Bean Willcox, Mary Cornelia Mix, Jennie M. Mix, Florence Thurston Humphrey.

Meetings were organized for reading Revolutionary History. First meeting

at Miss Maria Smith's on November 26, 1895.

A prize was offered for the best Historical Essay on Revolutionary subjects from the Senior Class in High School, also to one passing the best examination in American History for entrance examination to the High School.

In 1896 \$40 was appropriated from the treasury toward the expenses of delegates to Congress at Washington. Mrs. Devan was the first representative sent

officially by the Chapter to Washington.

It was voted to put in order and mark graves of Revolutionary soldiers on Decoration Day. On June 14, 1897, a Flag Day Tea was held at the residence

of the Regent, Mrs. Devan. Three hundred invitations were sent out to Stamford people and more to neighboring towns. Mrs. Kinney and Mrs. Donald McLean gave addresses.

In 1897 a calendar was arranged to raise funds. Miss Maria Smith was a capable chairman of committee in charge of this. About \$100 was netted.

In January, 1898, a Real Daughter was adopted, Mrs. Nancy Warren, and elected Honorary Member and a gold spoon was given her. It was stated that nearly every Chapter in the State had a Real Daughter. Mrs. Warren was the youngest of all the Real Daughters.

In 1897 books were sent on request to National Headquarters for National

Library.

Lexington Day and Boston Tea Party were celebrated. Mrs. Hart contributed an interesting chapter to Book of Historical Women of Connecticut.

In 1897 board of five managers was first elected. First Conference held in

Burlington Arcade.

In 1898 the Spanish-American War Committee of Stamford Chapter first met. The Chapter furnished Soldiers' Aid Society with 100 garments. Mrs. Kinney had written asking aid in money for the Hospital Ship "Relief" and Chapter sent \$60. Help was also given to some of the needy families of soldiers sent from Stamford.

In December, 1898, Christmas gifts were sent to children of soldiers under our care. A vote of thanks was given to Dr. Root for services to soldiers' families

under care of Chapter. Dr. Root is a Chapter member.

In 1899, during the Regency of Mrs. Hart, the frame for the Chapter charter was obtained. The body of the frame was wood from the Davenport House, the ornaments from rungs of a chair once the property of General David Waterbury and pieces taken from Webb Tavern, the latter donated by Mr. A. C. Arnold.

In 1899 there was an exhibition of the Deerfield Blue and White Embroidery. In June of that year a beautiful embroidered banner was presented to the Chapter

by Mrs. J. M. Anderson. Books and games were given to Boys' Club.

In 1900, during the Regency of Mrs. Hart, a gold spoon was presented to our second Real Daughter, Mrs. Towne, and she was made an Honorary Member of the Chapter. Also during that same year a costume tea was held at Mrs. Lawton's. A gavel was presented to the Chapter by Miss Harwood, of wood from Mount Vernon and marked with a silver coin dated 1894, the year of organization of the Chapter. \$15 was sent to Continental Hall Fund.

In 1903, during the Regency of Mrs. Fessenden, \$20 was voted for Continental

Hall and \$10 for Ellsworth House.

In 1904 \$25 was sent for Column in Continental Hall, a memorial of Mrs. Kinney's 10th anniversary as State Regent. Magazines and literature were sent to soldiers in the Philippines and lectures were given in Italian for the benefit of the foreign population. The subjects of the pictures were scenes in American History. About fifty foreigners were present at each lecture. This is the first step in Americanization work in the Chapter.

During the Regency of Miss Mary Harwood in 1905, the first scholarship

was given to Maryville College.

In 1906-7 while Miss Harwood was still Regent, two plays were given at the Casino, \$180 cleared. "The Primer" was first presented to the Chapter, prepared in all languages, for the use of immigrants.

In 1908-9, Miss Cabot's Regency, the Flag Committee of Stamford Chapter was admitted to full membership in the National Association.

Members of the Minor Post, G. A. R., offered the Chapter a share in the use of the beautiful Memorial Room in the new City Hall, and a place in which to keep our books, pictures and other belongings. The first meeting was held there in 1908. Mr. A. C. Arnold of Minor Post, G. A. R., presented in behalf of the Post, to the Chapter, a gavel made of a piece of wood from the old man-of-war ship "Constitution," known as "Old Ironsides," and the handle from a lath taken from the oldest part of the Putnam Cottage in Greenwich.

In May, 1909, Mrs. John Davenport's Regency, a musicale was given followed by two plays, which helped in filling the coffers of the Chapter.

Ten dollars was sent for literature for immigrants. Mrs. Kinney resigned,

Mrs. John Laidlaw Buel taking her place, and Miss Mary E. Harwood of the Stamford Chapter was elected State Vice-Regent.

In October, 1910, another \$50 scholarship was given to Maryville College, a very charming girl, Aletha May, profiting by it. At this time it was decided by the Chapter to undertake a \$1,000 scholarship at Maryville, to be called the Mary E. Harwood Memorial, in honor of our former Regent. The money for this scholarship was raised from private subscriptions and from card parties.

During January, 1915, in the Regency of Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Jones, the acting Treasurer, reported sending a check of \$1,000 to Mrs. Buel, State Regent, for Maryville College. Under Mrs. Davenport's watchful care the amount had grown to over seven hundred dollars, and it remained for Mrs. Anderson to complete the fund. Prizes or medals were given grammar school graduates attaining the highest averages in history. There had been much discussion over the disgraceful condition of an old cemetery near Mill River. The matter was taken up with the "Town Fathers," with the result that the grass was cut, stones straightened and the whole yard put in better condition.

On December 21, 1915, Mrs. Anderson, Regent, there was a celebration of the twenty-one years of Chapter life. A beautiful silk flag with standard and eagle was presented to the Chapter by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ridabock in memory of their daughter, Miss Mabel T. Ridabock. Patriotic poems were recited by

two small children, descendants of distinguished Revolutionary soldiers.

On January 18, 1916, the Chapter presented a flag to Troop No. 2, Boy

Scouts of the Congregational Church.

One of the "high lights" in the Chapter's History occurred on November 13, 1917. The State Conference met here. Mrs. George Thatcher Guernsey, President General, honoring us with her presence. There were brilliant addresses given and a very beautiful pageant of the "National Songs of the Allies," presented in costume.

At this time the Chapter was displaying great activity in connection with the War Work. Mrs. Anderson held the Regency during the war period and here are some of the results accomplished in the four years of her leadership, including the six months that Mrs. E. H. Lawrence held the Regency, 1918-January,

1919.

Total amount of loans taken by Chapter members \$124,650 plus \$50,000 not reported by State but given by member, grand total of \$174,650. Sold by Daughters, \$7,750. Campaign funds, \$238.93. Chapter bought \$50 bond and contributed 100 per cent. strong to the N. S. D. A. R. Loan. Gave \$40 for the Six hospital equipments costing \$90. Cash for Red Cross, Tillolov Fund. \$3,051.25. Cash for United War Work Campaign Fund, \$238.93. For French Canteen, \$20. Almost one thousand knitted garments and about eight hundred other garments. About 10,000 surgical supplies.

There were eight members of the Chapter who were Red Cross officers and chairmen. There were six War Mothers. One member of the Chapter designed a War Saving Stamp poster which was accepted by the Government. The Chapter also supported one War Orphan and helped send a boy to the Plattsburg train-

ing camp.

Our Veterans of the World War: Schuyler Day Wardwell, Albert Allen Hall, Harold A. Parsons, Sterling E. Watts, Egbert B. Griffin, Eva Hortense Hoyt.

In 1919-1922, Mrs. James H. Brown held the Regency. The growing Americanization work was conducted by committee elected for that purpose. Scholarships were awarded to the Hindman School in Kentucky and Christ School in Arden, N. C. Prizes for excellence in American History were given out, and the Red Cross work continued.

A very handsome silk flag with pole and standard was presented to the Boy

Scouts of Stamford to be used as the Flag of the whole organization.

There are more scholarships, to Maryville and Tamassee, two of them being contributed by Mrs. Brown, Regent. The Chapter honored its 25th anniversary

by a pleasing "get together" of State officers and neighboring Chapters.

In 1922-24, Mrs. E. C. Scofield, Regent. Medals were awarded for prize history contests. \$25 given to help defray expenses of High School orchestra's trip to Hartford where they competed for the State Prize. Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook, then candidate for President General, addressed the Chapter. Records were made of the Revolutionary soldiers moved from the Darien cemetery.

Americanization work continued, manuals were given out, careful watch of schools to see manner of text books used, etc., also materials sent to Ellis Island. Scholarships to Lincoln Memorial, Tomassee, Hindman, Piedmont College, American Indian School, Crossmore and Kate Duncan Smith. The Regent, Mrs. Scofield, contributed one of these and an Honorary Regent, Mrs. Brown, gave two, one in honor of the present Regent, to be known as the Gertrude Allen Scofield Scholarship.

In 1924-28, Miss Sara Mead Webb, Regent. Medals were awarded to grammar school pupils for the highest yearly average in American history. A birth-day party honoring the Chapter's 30th anniversary was given with State and

National officers present.

In connection with the Americanization work the Chapter presented a play "Betsy Ross and the Flag." The stately minuet was danced by Chapter members in old-time costumes. Many foreigners were present. The Boy Scouts were given \$25 and a flag was presented to the Girl Scouts by Mrs. Alfred W. Clark. The graves of Chapter Real Daughters were located, and many graves of Revolutionary soldiers were identified.

In 1925, Mrs. J. M. Anderson presented the Chapter with ten lineage books. We now have a complete file of lineage books in the Chapter's book case at the Ferguson Library. During the year of 1926 there were 24 new members received into the Chapter, the largest number in recent years. Besides their certificates each one was presented with a copy of "Why I am a Daughter of the American Revolution" by Anne Rogers Minor, and a copy of "Socialist Propaganda in the United States" by Elizabeth Barney Buel.

Of great interest to the Chapter was the Special Meeting on November 19, 1925, when our Honorary President General, Mrs. George Maynard Minor was the guest of the Chapter. Also the State Conference in March, 1926, when this Chapter became hostess for the 33rd State Conference.

The Chapter has co-operated with various organizations in town, such as the Near East Relief, Flag Day exercises, Stamford Exposition of Progress. For the

first time in our History, the Chapter has had a Year Book.

September 14, 1926 was the date of the unveiling and presentation to the Town of Stamford of the stone to mark the site of Fort Stamford. On that day also, our President General, Mrs. Alfred J. Brosseau, was the guest of honor at a luncheon at the Stamford Yacht Club.

This year we completed the marking of the graves of our two Real Daughters. On November 30, 1926, we unveiled the bronze marker placed on the grave of Lucretia Holly Town, in the old family cemetery in Springdale. On June 15, 1927, we unveiled the bronze marker placed on the grave of Nancy Ann Gifford Warren at Cold Spring on the Hudson, New York.

A ten years' issue of the D. A. R. Magazine belonging to the Ferguson Library, has been bound, so that now, complete files of our Magazine from 1897 through 1926 are bound and placed on the stacks of the Library.

The Chapter was presented with a beautiful D. A. R. Standard, the gift of Mrs. Joel Mann Anderson, the Chapter also made itself a present of a beautiful State Flag and our "Stars and Stripes" have been placed on a new pole to match the other standards, so that now we are the proud possessors of three beautiful standards, completely equipped. The Chapter has also presented itself with a set of china and a sufficient amount of silver to entertain its members and friends.

The usual History medals have been awarded to two members of the Senior Class of the Stamford High School attaining excellence in American History.

The scholarships during Miss Webb's Regency are as follows: Given by members: \$1,000 by Mrs. C. O. Miller to Maryville College, in memory of her daughter; \$1,000 by Mrs. James Hudson Brown, in memory of her husband, to the Kate Duncan Smith School; \$100 by Mrs. J. B. Coombs, to the Martha M. Berry School, in honor of Mrs. John Davenport; \$50 by Mrs. Frank H. Barnes to Maryville College; \$50 by Mrs. J. M. Anderson to Maryville College (Mrs. Anderson has given a similar scholarship for the past five years to Maryville); \$5 Philippine Fund, anonymous; \$10 Kate Duncan Smith, anonymous; four yearly scholarships of \$50 each, given in memory of Miss Cornelia Smith, anonymous. Given by the Chapter: Three installments to the Connecticut College Scholarship, \$154; American International College, \$125; Kate Duncan

Smith School, \$100; Blue Ridge Industrial School, \$100; Tamassee School, \$150; Hindman School, \$150.

The Chapter has joined with other organizations in Americanization work and participated in the Red Cross call for the relief of the Mississippi flood sufferers and for the American Legion. A well filled box was also sent to Ellis Island.

On the 21st of February, 1928, the Chapter gave its first Ball, many of the members and visitors appeared in costumes. It was a replica of Washington's first Inaugural Ball, our Chapter members impersonating the famous men and women of that day. As faithfully as possible that renowned affair was re-enacted. The costumes were suggested by and the Ball arranged under the able leadership of Mrs. James Steel Kline.

On the 25th of February the C. A. R. held their first meeting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Anderson. Miss Sara Mead Webb was the organizing President and this new and interesting organization is to be called the Rippowam Society of C. A. R. About sixteen children were present and more are expected to join.

KATHARINE H. LEONARD, Historian.

SUSAN CARRINGTON CLARKE CHAPTER

Meriden

Organized October 1, 1895

No. 30

Members 131

Meets once a month.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle the years have slipped by since that beautiful day, October 1, 1895, when twenty-four Daughters of the American Revolution met the recently elected State Regent, Miss Susan Carrington Clarke, in the stately home of Mrs. N. L. Bradley on Colony Street, and organized into a new Chapter. Susan Carrington Clarke little realized that with that brief ceremony she was re-incarnating her own spirit of patriotism, and perpetuating her own name in this little body.

Miss Clarke appointed as Regent, her old friend, Mrs. Kate Foote Coe, wife of Judge Andrew J. Coe of Meriden. Election of necessary officers followed, Mrs. Coe's consent to act as Regent was gained, and the next morning the newspapers announced the birth of a new D. A. R. Chapter with charter members as follows: Mrs. Andrew J. Coe, Regent; Mrs. Levi E. Coe, Honorary Regent; Mrs. H. Wales Lines, Vice-Regent; Miss Fannie L. Twiss, Registrar; Miss Hannah S. Holbrook, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Charles L. Rockwell, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Alice S. Porter, Treasurer; Mrs. Robert L. Peck, Historian; Miss Lucy A. Peck, Mrs. N. L. Bradley, Mrs. S. J. Hall, Miss Jessie M. Schenck, Mrs. Frank L. Hamilton, Mrs. Edgar J. Doolittle, Mrs. Philo Huntley, Miss Edith L. Bevins, Miss Jennie D. Wood, Miss Kate H. Hamlin, Miss Nettie L. Bowen, Mrs. Charles F. Linsley, Miss Harriet V. Strong, Mrs. Edwin A. Mayne, Mrs. Frank M. Chapin, Mrs. Frank D. Smith, Miss Ella I. Smith.

From Chapter Manual by Mrs. Coe: "This Chapter was the last one organized by Miss Clarke and while its members were still deliberating the matter of a suitable name, on the 21st of October came the news of her death, and at a meeting called immediately it was unanimously voted that the new Chapter should call itself the Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter in loving memory of her who had been most friendly while the organization was forming."

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Six members attended Miss Clarke's funeral in Middletown, where with many representatives of other societies they were received in the A. K. E. house, placed at their disposal by its members, who also were guards of honor at the funeral, a last tribute of respect for one who had generously aided them.

From the fraternity house a long procession of women, led by the Regents of Wadsworth Chapter of Middletown and Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter of Meriden, marched across the street to the services in Miss Clarke's home, which is now "President's House" of Wesleyan University.

Although a native of Rhode Island, Miss Clarke spent her life in Middletown with her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Hubbard, wife of the Postmaster General under President Fillmore, and was a charter member, first Treasurer, and an ex-Regent of Wadsworth Chapter. Also in February, 1892, the first delegate from Connecticut to the Continental Congress of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Dated December 2, 1895, the charter is interesting for having a picture of Susan Carrington Clarke with facsimile of her autograph, and a sketch of the Charter Oak by Mary Foote added to its usual illustrations. Mrs. Samuel Colt of Hartford presented a Charter Oak gavel to Miss Clarke for use at the State D. A. R. meetings, and a frame of the same famous wood for her Colonial Dame



Mrs. Kate Foot Coe



Mrs. H. Wales Lines

certificate. These relics, the gavel and the frame for the charter, were given to the Chapter by Miss Jennie M. Clarke, sister of the late State Regent.

At the Second Conference of the State Chapters, called to select a new State Regent, Mrs. Coe forbade the use of her name, and was delighted when the choice fell on her childhood playmate, Mrs. Sara T. Kinney of Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, New Haven. The Chapter had the honor of being Mrs.

Kinney's first hostess after her election.

Katherine Foote, daughter of George A. and Eliza (Spencer) Foote, was born May 31, 1840 at Nutplains, Guilford, the home of her distinguished Revolutionary ancestor, General Andrew Ward, and of his father, Colonel Andrew Ward of the French and Indian Wars. Fitting herself as a teacher, Miss Foote gained her first experience in her native place, then taught in the Hartford Female Seminary. During the Civil War, she went south with her sister Harriet, first wife of General Joseph R. Hawley, and, until the close of the conflict, assisted in hospital work, afterward teaching in the southern negro schools for several years.

Her first trip abroad was in 1872, when she spent a year in study and travel. In 1886 she accompanied Miss Alice Fletcher, and others sent by the government, to Alaska, making the trip by schooner to the islands where they studied the

habits of the Indians.

During these years she wrote for the public press and often referred to the assistance given her in her literary work by her friend, Charles Dudley Warner. After General Hawley was elected to Congress, Miss Foote became a resident of Washington, where with Mrs. Hawley, who was the first president of the Washington branch of the National Indian Society, she was deeply interested in Indian affairs. After Mrs. Hawley's death, Miss Foote was president of the Indian Association and for nine years traveled over the western portion of the United States establishing Indian schools and hospitals. For fifteen years she was Washington correspondent of the "Independent."

Besides many other interests she was a member of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames of America, charter member of the National Society D. A. R. with the national number 166, one of its Magazine editors, and charter member of the Mary Washington Chapter. She married Judge Andrew J. Coe of Meriden in 1895. Judge and Mrs. Coe spent a winter in South America, and were planning another extensive journey when, after two years of wedded life, Judge Coe died February 25, 1897. For two more years Mrs. Coe lived in the homestead nicknamed "Coe Castle" because of its rugged native stone structure, and devoted much time and thought to the Chapter, especially the historical programs.

As a presiding officer, Mrs. Coe had few equals for she was thoroughly familiar with the procedure of the United States Senate and had conducted parliamentary classes in Washington. She had the gift of imparting knowledge in a way that aroused interest. One of Meriden's leading bankers said, "I never

understood, nor liked, mathematics until I had Miss Kate Foote for a teacher in Guilford.'

When the Chapter was over four years old, Mrs. Coe moved to New Haven to live with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Jenkins, coming to Meriden for Chapter meetings. Early in 1901 Mrs. Coe visited Hawaii, and the Philippines as guest of the military Governor and his wife.

Later she went to Japan where she was entertained at the American Legation. During the Spring of 1904 she traveled in Cuba and Mexico. In all these

countries she acquired information which she generously shared.

Failing health compelled Mrs. Coe to relinquish many of her social activities, and she insisted upon resigning the Regency, December 18, 1916. She retained her membership and interest in the Chapter and was elected Honorary Regent, until her death on the 23rd of December, 1923. Then she came back for her last sleep to Meriden. Susan Carrington Clarke's first season in D. A. R. society was a whirl of social events, notably, a luncheon to the Chapter Regents in honor of Mrs. Coe, at which she gave an account of her Venezuelan experiences, and a reception to Mrs. E. J. Hill of Norwalk, the first Vice-President General of Connecticut.

A Chapter glee club sang at the monthly meetings and the Historian records that first year "thirty-five papers were given by as many different members." December 14, 1895 occurred the first meeting of the Joel Cook Society, Children of the American Revolution, which had a membership of forty-one under the leadership of Miss Ella Smith.

An achievement of these early years was the enrollment of seventeen "True

Daughters," making this the banner Chapter.

The third anniversary, 1898, was celebrated with 166 members and the following "True Daughters": Mrs. Abigail Ann (Atwater) Bradley, Mrs. Delia Clark (Mundock) Dowd, Miss Almira Foster, Mrs. Elizabeth (McAlpine) Finch, Mrs. Ann (Tyler) Beaumont, Mrs. Maria (Ives) Parker, Mrs. Bedotha Pierpont (Button) Curtis, Mrs. Esther (Robbins) Tyler, Mrs. Nancy (Cloes) Ray, Mrs. Electa A. (Manchester) Van Vleck, Mrs. Mabel (Cooley) Hobart, Mrs. Anne Duryee (Phillips) Lee, Mrs. Martha (Abell) Rich, Mrs. Caroline (Brockway) Pratt, Mrs. Maria (Bronson) Bradley, Mrs. Phebe (Rockwell) Gainford, Miss Rebecca Osborn. Mrs. Nancy Ray was the oldest "True Daughter" in the National Society.

Mrs. Anne D. Lee, a native of Middletown, and an intimate friend of Mrs. Samuel Hubbard, aunt of Miss Susan C. Clarke, was the wife of David Lee of New York. When she joined the Chapter she was living in Germany with her daughter Mary, wife of Count Alfred von Waldersee, Field Marshal of the German army. Countess von Waldersee and her sister Josephine, widow of Baron von Waechter-Lautenbach, Minister from Wurtemburg at the French Court, joined the Chapter with their mother, entering on the record of Lieutenant

Thompson Phillips of Middletown.

During the Spanish-American War, the Chapter worked with the Red Cross and pledged a generous sum to the State Regent for war needs. Only \$40 was drawn, but Mrs. Kinney stated that she required no more. The same year the Chapter reported 160 Revolutionary soldiers' graves marked, 98 in Meriden, Wallingford and Cheshire, identified by Mrs. Seth J. Hall, and 62 in or near Ridgefield by Mrs. C. L. Rockwell.

The acquisition by the State Society of the Ellsworth Homestead necessitated furniture for this lovely old house and Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter sent

an antique Heppelwhite secretary for the parlor.

When, in 1906, Meriden celebrated its hundred years of existence as a town apart from Wallingford, the two Chapters held a loan exhibit and the Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter gave a bronze tablet by Louis A. Gudebrod, sculptor, as a memorial to 112 local heroes who fought in the Revolution.

Mrs. Coe's presentation address was her last public appearance as Chapter

Regent.

On this occasion it was stated that Meriden had more Daughters of the American Revolution than any other place in Connecticut. This same year, Miss Margaret Henry of Maryville College, Tenn., first visited Meriden and so touched the hearts of her auditors that the Maryville scholarship has never failed.

Mrs. H. Wales Lines was no stranger to the Chapter when, December 18, 1906, she was elected the second Regent, for she had served efficiently as first Vice-Regent. Sarah C. Munger was born in Holland, Mass., January 23, 1838, daughter of Rev. Washington and Louisa (Nichols) Munger. Her Revolutionary ancestors were Jabez Nichols and Jonathan Brown of Brimfield and Amasa and Elnathan Munger from South Brimfield, Mass.



Mrs. Jane L. Bevins



Mrs. Wilbur F. Rogers

She came to Meriden soon after her marriage to Hon. H. Wales Lines and for sixty-five years she shared the interests of her husband so whole-heartedly that she became his counterpart in knowledge of history and politics. Determination, unusual self-restraint and a splendid commanding presence, all attributes of a leader, were combined with a rare motherliness which won a host of friends.

When women voted on school affairs, Mrs. Lines was the first Meriden woman to deposit her ballot. During Mrs. Lines' term of office the Chapter produced a play "Home Defenders," written for it by Sherman F. Johnson, which has been popular with other Chapters as well. The State Regent was often a guest of Mrs. Lines at the meetings, for they were friends from girlhood. At the expiration of her Regency Mrs. Lines became Librarian (1909-1925) and was elected Honorary Regent in 1916, to October 31, 1926 when her spirit was called home.

In 1908 the Chapter was honored by the election of the second Vice-Regent, Mrs. Louis K. Curtis of Southington, to State Treasurer, a position she filled with

ability, being re-elected year after year until her death in 1916.

The third Regent, Mrs. Wilbur F. Rogers (Mary J. Corbin) was born June 13, 1845, in Willington, daughter of Hezekiah H. and Maria A. (Ryder) Corbin. Her Revolutionary ancestor was Major Lemuel Corbin of Dudley, Mass. While a child her parents moved to New Britain where she graduated with honors from the State Normal School. She taught in Meriden and there married Wilbur

Mrs. Rogers, charter member and first president of the Woman's Relief Corps; president of the Ladies' Aid Society and first president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Methodist Episcopal Church; president of the Meriden Humane Society. Mrs. Rogers also served as a member of the "Woman's Journal" board. She was the first woman on the Meriden school committee.

She became Vice-Regent of Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter in 1904 and was elected Regent in 1909-1911. With her husband, Mrs. Rogers traveled abroad as well as in her own country. Mrs. Rogers inaugurated the plan of offering prizes to the pupils of the Night School for essays on American history, and the first presentation of fifteen dollars in six prizes of gold pieces, took place February 1, 1910. This same year the two Meriden Chapters united in enter-

taining the State Conference at which Governor Weeks and staff were present.

The conspicuous event of Mrs. Rogers' Regency was the response to the State Regent's appeal for funds to publish "La Guida," or "Guide for Immigrants" by John Foster Carr. Six hundred dollars was paid by Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter to this fund, one-tenth of the cost of publication.

There have been seven other Regents of the Chapter, all living and active members.

The fourth Regent, Mrs. Charles Lee Rockwell (Mary Everest), held office from May, 1911 to May 1915. Another scholarship for a Meriden boy at Suffield Institute was added to that at Maryville, three rooms in the new High School were fully furnished for the Domestic Science Department and money provided for equipment for vacation playgrounds. At the suggestion of the Regent, the Chapter pledged \$1,000 as a fund for the permanent care of a room in the Meriden Hospital, the first endowed room in that institution, and raised \$750.

The fifth Regent, Mrs. Legrand Bevins (Jane L. Stiles) was in office 1915-1919 and is the War Regent. The hospital fund was completed and the Fourth of July parade had a float called "Then and Now," entered by the Chapter which won first prize. Twenty-one Chapter mothers had twenty-three sons in service. During these four years, the Society was 100 per cent. in a fund for bonds for the National Society, 100 per cent. in Red Cross work and 100 per cent. in Re-

construction work.

The sixth Regent, Mrs. George E. Savage (Mildred Foster) came into office in 1919, and for two years was busy with the new forms of service made imperative by the World War. The 25th birthday anniversary of the Society was celebrated at the City Hall with the President General, Mrs. Minor, and all the State officers in attendance. A scholarship for the International College was added to that of Maryville. The quotas established by the National and State societies since the war were paid by the Chapter during this and the succeeding

The seventh Regent, Mrs. Frederick W. Kilbourne (Jennie Page) followed Mrs. Savage in May, 1921, in all her good works and in addition placed markers at three "True Daughter's" graves.

Miss Augusta J. Boone succeeded Mrs. Kilbourne as the eighth Regent in 1923, and held office to 1925, continuing the same numerous lines of service. The Americanization work among the foreign-born women was especially successful.

The ninth Regent, Mrs. William Rice Smith (Bertha Lane) held office 1925-1927, and added Hawaiian and Philippine scholarships to those of Maryville and International Colleges. A new note was struck by the Liberty Bell Fund.

In all there were ten different channels through which the golden streams of benevolence flowed. October 1, 1925, the Chapter held a Birthday Tea in honor of its thirty years of life, and the historical address was given by the Honorary Regent, Mrs. H. Wales Lines, charter member and first Vice-Regent.

The tenth Regent, Mrs. Sherman F. Johnson (Adele Curtiss) is in the middle

of her Regency. In April, 1927, Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter entertained

the State Conference together with Ruth Hart Chapter.

Two long periods of service should be noticed, the first, over thirty years work as Registrar by Miss Fannie L. Twiss, a charter member, and the first Registrar of both Ruth Hart and Susan Carrington Clarke Chapters. Miss Twiss is now Honorary Registrar.

The second period, twenty years in the office of Treasurer, which is the record

of Mrs. A. M. Alderman, who resigned in 1920.

MARY EVEREST ROCKWELL, Historian.

WADSWORTH CHAPTER

Middletown

Organized February 1, 1892

No. 1

Members 117

Meets third Tuesday in September, October, November, December,

February, March, April and May.

The first Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Connecticut and the second Chapter in New England, was formed in Middletown, Conn., February 1, 1892, following the suggestion of Dr. G. Browne Goode, while visiting here in September, 1891.

The Chapter was named Wadsworth after the Major-General of that name who was a native of this county and commanded a brigade in the Revolutionary

War.

Dr. Goode was one of the advisory board of the National Society and designed the National insignia of the D. A. R. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Judd Goode,

our first member, is enrolled as No. 22 in the National Society and served as Vice-President General, which certificate is preserved in our archives. Later, another member, Mrs. (Edward B.) Mary E. Rosa, served as Librarian General.

Miss Susan Carrington Clarke, our second Regent, became State Regent in

Mrs. (D. Ward) Mary S. Northrop, the first Regent, appointed Mrs. Helen Hubbard Weeks, wife of the Hon. Frank B. Weeks, Governor of Connecticut, 1909-1911, Mrs. Katherine L. Elmer, wife of William T. Elmer, Judge of the Superior Court, and Miss Esther A. Northrop to frame our constitution, which

has served as a model for many Chapters.

The first papers sent to the National Board from Connecticut were those of Mrs. (D. Ward) Mary S. Northrop and Mrs. (James H.) Mary A. H. Bunce. These two ladies as well as Mrs. Goode, were charter members of the National Society, so of our twelve charter members, three were charter members of the

National Society.

The other charter members of Wadsworth Chapter were: Mrs. (Frank M.) Louise Mc. North, Mrs. (Frank B.) Helen H. Weeks, Miss Susan C. Clarke, Miss Esther A. Northrop, Mrs. (Wm. T.) Katherine L. Elmer, Mrs. (E. K.) Margaret S. Hubbard, Mrs. (E. H.) Anna S. Camp Sneath, Miss Jessie M. Ward, Mrs. (William W. Jr.) Mary R. Wilcox.

Five Real Daughters have been on our roll: Mrs. Mary McLean Wyllys of Glastonbury, Mrs. Amelia A. Watrous of East Hampton, Mrs. Laura Markham Skinner of East Hampton, Mrs. Abigail Foote Loomis of East Hampton and

Miss Mary Deming of East Haddam.

Our third Regent, Mrs. Ellen E. C. Coffin was the wife of the Hon. O. Vincent

Coffiin, Governor of Connecticut, 1895-1897.

The records bear witness that no proper appeal from municipality, community, state or nation has ever met with aught but prompt and generous response. Three cemeteries were restored, largely through the active efforts of Wadsworth Chapter and the records of another are being copied. At present, dates are being presented and placed on old houses, the last one being that on the Ellsworth Homestead.

The first visit of Miss Margaret Henry brought a response of three scholarships for Maryville, two of which have always been maintained. In 1926-27, we endowed two permanent scholarships and still support a third. The work in the schools, social agencies, war relief, International College in Springfield, restoration work in France, Ellis Island, Southern schools and Maryville has been most active. Contributions to Memorial Continental and Constitution Halls and to the libraries therein as well as to the Ellsworth Memorial Home have been very generous.

Among the many treasures of Wadsworth Chapter are the family Bible of General Wadsworth, two portraits of George and Martha Washington, once owned by General Wadsworth, a gavel made of the wood from the home of

General Wadsworth and a library of considerable size and value.

We have had the honor of entertaining the State Chapter at its annual meeting, twice. These occasions were graced by the presence of President General Mrs. Charles Fairbanks, and President General Mrs. George Maynard Minor.

The Regents of Wadsworth Chapter have been: Mrs. (D. Ward) Mary S. Northrop, 1892; Miss Susan Carrington Clarke, 1893; Mrs. (O. Vincent) Ellen E. C. Coffin, 1895; Mrs. (James H.) Mary A. Hubbard Bunce, 1897; Mrs. (William W.) Elizabeth S. C. Wilcox, 1900; Mrs. (Bradford P.) Lucy A. Raymond, 1902; Mrs. (Thomas M.) Harriet S. Durfee, 1904; Mrs. (J. William) Emma A. Manley Bailey, 1906; Mrs. (Oscar) Lillie B. Kuhns, 1908; Miss Anna L. Smith, 1910; Mrs. (Herbert W.) Julia M. Conn, 1912; Mrs. (Karl H.) Jennie E. Harrington, 1914; Miss Elizabeth F. Patten, 1916; Mrs. (Willis E.) Sarah W. Terrill, 1918; Mrs. (Albert, Jr.) Clara Y. Mann, 1920; Mrs. (Russell) Harriet E. C. Frisbie, 1921; Mrs. (Robert H.) Elizabeth H. Hall, 1922; Mrs. (Burt J.) Martha L. G. Hale, 1924; Miss Jessie M. Alsop, 1926; Miss Agnes H. Smith, 1928.



Miss Susan Carrington Clarke

LOCATION OF CHAPTERS

Town	Chapter
Ansonia	Elizabeth Clarke Hull
Berlin	Emma Hart Willard
Bridgeport	Mary Silliman
Bristol	Katherine Gaylord
Cheshire	Lady Fenwick
Berlin Bridgeport Bristol Cheshire Colchester Collinsville	. Colonel Henry Champion
Collinsville	Phoebe Humphrey
Danbury	Mary Wooster
Collinsville Danbury Derby East Haddam East Hartford and South Windsor	Sarah Riggs Humphreys
East Haddam	Nathan Hale Memorial
East Hartford and South Windsor	Martha Pitkin Wolcott
Enfield	Penelope Terry Abbey
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Greenwich	Putnam Hill
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Manchester	Orford Parish
Meriden	Ruth Hart
Meriden	. Susan Carrington Clarke
Middletown	Wadsworth
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Mystic	Fanny Ledyard
Naugatuck	Freelove Baldwin Stow Fanny Ledyard Sarah Rogers Esther Stanley Hannah Benedict Carter Eve Lear Mary Clap Wooster
New Britain	Esther Stanley
New Canaan	. Hannah Benedict Carter
New Haven	Eve Lear
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New London	Roger Sherman
Norwalk	Norwalk
Norwich	Faith Trumbull
Norwich Plainfield Putnam	. Deborah Avery Putnam
Putnam	. Elizabeth Porter Putnam
Rockville	Sabra Trumbull
Rockville Seymour Simsbury Southington	Sarah Ludlow
Simsbury	Abigail Phelps
Southington	Hannah Woodruff
Stamford	Stamford Sibbil Dwight Kent Abi Humiston Marana Norton Brooks
Suffield	Sibbil Dwight Kent
Thomaston	Abi Humiston
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West Hartford	Sarah Whitman Hocker
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Windsor	. Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth
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STATE AND CONFERENCE MEETINGS

New Haven, Mary Clap Wooster Chapter	May 16, 1894
Meriden, Ruth Hart Chapter	January 4, 1895
New London, Lucretia Shaw Chapter	June 5, 1895
Middletown, Wadsworth Chapter	
Hartford, Ruth Wyllys Chapter	
Waterbury, Melicent Porter Chapter	January 22, 1897
Bridgeport, Mary Silliman Chapter	May 28, 1897
Bristol, Katherine Gaylord Chapter	February 8, 1898
Norwich, Faith Trumbull Chapter	
Danbury, Mary Wooster Chapter	
Stamford, Stamford Chapter	
Willimantic, Anne Wood Elderkin Chapter	February 7, 1900
Derby, Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter	
Meriden, Ruth Hart Chapter	February 6, 1901
Norwalk, Norwalk Chapter	April 19, 1901
Southington, Hannah Woodruff Chapter	
Middletown, Wadsworth Chapter	June 11, 1902
New London, Lucretia Shaw Chapter	February 5, 1903
The Oliver Ellsworth Home Dedication	October 8, 1903
Suffield Sibbil Dwight Kent Chapter	February 23, 1904
Windsor Locks \ Windsor, Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter	
Meriden, Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter	
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Hartford, Ruth Wyllys Chapter	Navambar 1 1006
Norwich, Faith Trumbull Chapter	
New Haven, Mary Clap Wooster Chapter	November 5 1007
Berlin, Emma Hart Willard Chapter	April 0 1008
Bridgeport, Mary Silliman Chapter	
Bristol, Katherine Gaylord Chapter	
New Britain, Esther Stanley Chapter	
Greenwich, Putnam Hill Chapter	March 30 1910
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Meriden { Ruth Hart Chapter } Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter }	November 1, 1910
Putnam, Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter	March 22, 1911
New London, Lucretia Shaw Chapter	October 26, 1911
Southington, Hannah Woodruff Chapter	April 3, 1912
Waterbury, Melicent Porter Chapter	
Cheshire, Lady Fenwick Chapter	
Hartford, Twenty-first Anniversary	. November 11, 1913
Watertown, Sarah Whitman Trumbull Chapter	March 25, 1914
New Haven, Mary Clap Wooster Chapter	. November 30, 1914
West Hartford, Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter	. March 30, 31, 1915
Bridgeport, Mary Silliman Chapter	November 9, 1915
Derby, Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter	March 15, 16, 1916
Danbury, Mary Wooster Chapter	November 9, 1916
New Haven, Eve Lear Chapter	March 28, 1917
Stamford Stamford Chapter	November 13, 1917
Windsor, Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter	March 21, 1918
Hartford, Ruth Wyllys Chapter	November 22, 1918
South Norwalk, Norwalk Chapter	March 25, 1919
Middletown, Wadsworth Chapter	October 30, 1919
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Milford, Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter	October 5, 1921
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Southington, Hannah Woodruff Chapter	March 29, 30, 1922
Manchester, Orford Parish Chapter	
Bristol, Katherine Gaylord Chapter	March 27, 1923
Cheshire, Lady Fenwick Chapter	October 12, 1923
New Haven, Mary Clap Wooster Chapter	March 27, 28, 1924
Rockville, Sabra Trumbull Chapter	October 21, 1924
Ansonia, Elizabeth Clarke Hull Chapter	March 25, 26, 1925
New Britain, Esther Stanley Chapter	
Stamford, Stamford Chapter	March 18, 19, 1926
Hartford, Ruth Wyllys Chapter	October 5, 1926
Meriden Ruth Hart Chapter Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter	March 29, 30, 1927
Waterbury, Melicent Porter Chapter	
Derby, Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter	March 20, 21, 1928
Greenwich, Putnam Hill Chapter	
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